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A MOTHER'S DAY TALE

Like mother, (exactly) like daughter

Grace Perry models her wedding after her mother's — right down to the cake



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Barbara Perry and her daughter Grace will send part of Mother's Day finalizing plans for Grace's May 26 wedding — a wedding identical in many ways to her mom's.

By Judy Wakefield

For many daughters, that age-old comment "you are just like your mother" can send shivers down their spines.

Not for Grace Perry of Andover. When she hears that comment, it leaves her feeling flattered and proud.

Grace, 28, and her mom, Barbara Ann (Driscoll) Perry of Dascomb Road, share one of those relationships that moms everywhere dream of.

"We're best friends," Grace said. "I admire her so much. She is very loving and supportive and I really try to be a lot like her."

This Mother's Day, which is Sunday, May 11, the two women will be together finalizing Grace's wedding plans. She is marrying Christopher Shepley on May 26.

While last-minute details, like seating arrangements and the final head count, can cause many mothers and daughters to want to strangle each other, it's a stress-free zone when the Perrys discuss the wedding. Her daughter's wedding offers Barbara a chance to relive her own wedding as Grace is replicating it wherever possible. But the mom makes it clear that the tribute-to-mom angle is all Grace's idea.

"We're very close. We're a lot alike," said Barbara.

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Barbara Ann Driscoll in her wedding gown when she married Ernest J. Perry Jr. on Nov. 11, 1963.



Forty years later, the Perrys' daughter, Grace, will wear the same gown when she marries Christopher Shepley on May 26.

Schools huddle on Bach vote

Cambridge superintendent post to be decided May 13

By Ben Hellman and Meir Rinde

The School Committee met for six to eight hours in closed-door sessions this week to discuss the potential departure of Superintendent Claudia Bach.

Member Christopher Smith

said the committee met several nights this past week "to make certain that we have examined all alternatives."

Bach was announced as a finalist for a superintendent position in Cambridge last week. She said remaining in



Claudia Bach

Andover also would be a "good resolution" adding that "the possibility of remaining in Andover is real."

Bach has maintained that she has never sought a position in another town, but said whether she would remain in Andover

for another contract if she isn't selected by Cambridge would be up to the Andover School Committee. As far as seeking positions if the Cambridge job fell through, Bach said "I hate to say never ever."

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Development

Town fears 'lost' neighborhood

By Andrea Gregory

A neighborhood known as the lost colony of North Reading does not want to see an extension stretch into Andover, and Andover officials are voicing their objections to the proposed project, too.

Developer Angelo Petrosino wants to bring 11 new homes to Andover by creating an entrance to the property off an uneven circle of narrow roads just beyond Martins Pond in North Reading.

"It's just so upsetting," says Harrie Hobby of 4 Flash Road, North Reading. "Not only are we going to suffer over this, but the town of Andover is going to suffer."

Andover fire, police, public works and planning departments all say the poor accessibility of the site will be a significant problem. Not only is the neighborhood difficult to reach, but the distance Andover departments will need to travel to provide emergency, plow and school-bus services will cause other problems.

Driving through the North Reading neighborhood of quaint houses and rural roads, it's hard to imagine two new streets being easily accessible.

The Andover land is closed from access to any Andover streets. It borders Route 125 but is not allowed to connect to it, and wetlands prevent building a road that would directly connect with South Main Street (Route 28.) The developer plans to tap into Flash Road in North Reading. The current plans are his second official attempt at developing the land, but they don't address several of the problems opponents

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Sisters, AHS grads, give birth on same day

By Andrea Gregory

Fran and Michael Bellia, of 212 Greenwood Road, are the proud grandparents of two babies born on the same day.

These babies aren't twins. In fact they were born on opposite sides of the country. While their daughter, Michelle Bellia was in labor with her daughter, Audrey Bellia Bohne, in Portland, Ore., their other daughter Lisa Bellia was also in labor with her soon to be born son, Mason Robert Doan down in Atlanta, Ga.

"There was a lot of talking going on between delivery rooms," says Fran Bellia. "The phones were alive and well."

Fran Bellia says she doesn't think her two daughters really thought about the coincidence until after everything was over.

They were both due in the same month, but what were the odds?

According to the Andover grandma, the Georgia baby was born about five hours after his cousin, and was only a few ounces shy of his cousin's 8-pound birth weight.

Recently returning to Andover after visiting both babies, the

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Town: Another year for safety center

Little accomplished on fire-department site during harsh winter

By Andrea Gregory

The town is saying it may take another full year before the fire department can enter a new station on Main Street.

While the police side of the town's new safety center is complete, and the old fire station was torn down months ago, workers only last week were pouring the foundation of the new fire-department side.

Residents should soon see the fire department side of the building going up at that point," says Joe Piantadosi, plant and facilities director.

After the steel frame is up — and it's expected to be complete by June 20 — Piantadosi says masonry work will begin, at which point the town expects to see a dramatic growth in manpower at the site.

With the benefit of warmer weather, Kevin Darkow, Mello project manager, expects operations to run more smoothly. "As far as I see it there shouldn't be any further delays," he says. "We're finishing up the foundation. The steel will take about a month."

He says the fire-station side should progress more quickly than the police side since the fire station has more open space in the structure.

A meeting last week between the town and the contractor Mello Construction discussed an actual completion date for the troubled project. While Mello says it expects to finish in November 2003, the town isn't buying this projection. Town project leaders expect the project to wrap up in May 2004.

"Ours (the estimated date of completion) is based on past history," says Piantadosi adding, "If they wanted to finish it in November they probably could."

Piantadosi says the town in projecting a date six months beyond what the contractors say, based on the project's balance and the amount the town has been paying the contractor each month. Mello Construction was contracted to do the project for \$10,277,240 and another \$517,880.38 in change orders — changes to the original construction plans — has been approved to date, says Piantadosi.

A total of \$6,810,799 has been paid to date. "\$3,984,321.38 is what's left from the total we have to pay," he says, adding the balance does not include pending change

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Richard Vigeant lifts one of the forms used when pouring concrete at the safety center on North Main Street.



Remembering Paul Wysocki

AHS grad dies in dorm room

By Judy Wakefield

Childhood friends from his days in Andover are remembering Paul Michael Wysocki, 21, as a star athlete with a smile as big as his 6'9" and 265-pound frame.

"Because of his size, he took a lot of people under his wing," his father, also named Paul Wysocki, said. "Anybody who got to know him loved him."

Family members and friends were stunned to learn the 2001 Andover High School graduate was found dead in his UMass Lowell dorm room last Wednesday morning, April 30.

The Middlesex County District Attorney's continues to investigate the cause of Wysocki's death and told his father it will take about 10 weeks for toxicology reports to be completed.

Wysocki is wondering if a recent car accident somehow played a role in his son's untimely death. Six days before he was found dead, the younger Wysocki was in an accident in Lowell. He hurt his neck and back and was taken to Saints Memorial Hospital in Lowell. He was not admitted, but did get a pain reliever prescribed by a doctor — a muscle relaxer — and a back brace for comfort, his father said.

Wysocki said the questions are numerous at this point in time as he awaits the official word on his son's death.

"No answers," said the tearful father who is a math teacher at Beverly High School. "There is no greater pain in the world than to lose a son or a daughter so young."

Wysocki, who currently lives

in Beverly, said there was no indication that anything was troubling his son. He last spoke to him by telephone last Tuesday night.

"He was just here last weekend and went back (to Lowell) on Monday. Everything was great. He was happy. He talked to his (resident adviser) on Tuesday night and to some friends. He was fine."

Many friends from Wysocki's year growing up in Andover attended his wake in Newburyport where they shared memories but also talked about a high school incident that haunted Wysocki. He was one of five Andover teens arrested in 1999 for burning a swastika on the lawn at Andover High. The elder Wysocki said his son always regretted his bad judgement.

In good physical shape with a body fat total of just 9 percent, the young Wysocki was getting pumped up for the college baseball season. His father said a recently-clocked pitch of 91 mph made his son especially happy. It proved he was healing nicely from rotator cuff surgery performed last year while he was at Bryant College in Rhode Island. He attended that college on a baseball scholarship.

He transferred to UMass this year because he made a decision to become a police officer or a state trooper. Bryant has a business focus; he enrolled in UMass' criminal justice program.

Andover High graduate Christopher Demko, now of Florida, was good friends with Wysocki. They both attended

Bryant College before Demko transferred to a Florida college.

"I got the call Wednesday afternoon and couldn't believe it," Demko said. "I had to leave work. He was such a great kid and I was so happy that he was getting his career going. We played basketball together at Andover High and I have some great memories. I can't believe he is gone."

Those basketball memories were also on the mind of Andover High basketball coach Dave Fazio who remembers Wysocki well.

"He was very, very talented. Any sport he would choose to play, he could really play," Fazio said.

The Wysocki family lived in Andover for 18 years. The younger Wysocki was just 6-months-old when he moved to town. He attended Sanborn School and West Middle School before going to Andover High. The elder Wysocki said his wife Kathleen, was diagnosed with breast cancer when Paul was in third grade. It was especially difficult as Paul's teacher at the time was also diagnosed with breast cancer. The teacher died the following year and the little boy worried that his mom would die, too.

Kathleen Wysocki would battle the disease for many years, finally succumbing in 2000.

Her son graduated from Andover High the following year after posting a stellar pitching career on the school's baseball team. He was also a stand-out basketball player.

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Rising to do Project Bread

By Andrea Gregory

A gorgeous Sunday afternoon, 42,000 people and a fund-raising effort that collected \$3 million made up Project Bread's 35th Walk for Hunger this past weekend.

The 20-mile walk around Boston drew people from all areas to raise money for hundreds of emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, food banks and food-salvage programs in Massachusetts. A group of 28 people from the Unitarian Church in Andover were among those residents who participated in the walk.

Joanna Hoople, of 10 Torr St., didn't prepare the way most people do for a 20-mile walk. She brought her hard-cover copy of Edith Piaf's biography and prepared to spend a good portion of the day reading and waiting for members of her congregation to meet her back at the finish line. This isn't because Hoople, 56, is a professional speed walker or someone who could walk 20 miles in her sleep. This was her first time joining the Walk for Hunger so she planned to walk half-way

before taking a bus ride back. Her plans fell through as she was able to walk all 20 miles. Next time, she'll leave the book at home.

"It was good. It made you feel good," said Hoople. "Yes, I will do it again."

She says she had around eight people pledging to give money to her and brought in about \$300. The support from those on her pledge sheet mixed with onlookers' smiles and businesses' refreshments along the way gave Hoople the encouragement she needed.

"It was hard. It was OK until about mile 14," she says. "A lot of cars look and honk. It makes you think about when you were in a car."

She says the nice weather and enthusiasm of the group helped everyone's spirits. And the free lemonade from Au Bon Pan, says Hoople, talking about the drink as if it was the best thing she ever had, really came at just the right time.

"Everyone I talk to says that was the real 'up,'" she says.

Hoople says she got the idea to walk from her 13-year-old

daughter, Katie Hoople, who is a three-year veteran of the Walk for Hunger.

"I was kind of surprised she finished before me," Katie Hoople says about her mother. "She was scared she would hold people up."

Katie Hoople says the walk is a great experience and a fun opportunity to do something helpful with her friends. She is part of the youth group at the Unitarian Church and says that is how she was first introduced to the event.

"You get used to the route that you're taking," says Katie.

Even knowing the ropes as well as she does, Katie still feels the pain of a 20-mile walk in her muscles.

"Probably the tenth mile is where you really start to feel it," she says.

Even on Tuesday, Katie was still feeling it.

"It's pretty brutal," she says.

Still, she says she'll do it again next year without any hesitation.

"You're having fun and helping people," she says. "You're making a difference."

SELECTMEN

Hess assumes chairmanship

By Andrea Gregory

Andover can welcome a new chairman to the Board of Selectmen.

Town Meeting marked Ray Hender's last days as head of the board. Now stepping up to the plate is John Hess, who says with the new position he will need to look at budgeting his time and making more use of his cell phone.

Aside from watching his cellular

phone minutes, as chairman he plans to spend more time honoring volunteers, he says.

"I know how much people do for the town, and we couldn't do what we do without them," says Hess.

Recognizing volunteers is something the selectmen already do, but Hess points out there are individuals and organizations getting overlooked, and he would like to see

them receive the recognition they deserve.

Hess says he would also like to see the selectmen get to know fellow selectmen in neighboring towns. He says many years ago selectmen would "perambulate the bounds," or walk along the town borders, to distinguish and clarify the boundaries of communities. While there are no longer disputed property lines, Hess says getting together with other town's selectmen to do this will be a nice way to get together on an informal basis.

"I think it's a nice way to meet other selectmen," he says.

Along with reaching out to other communities, Hess is inviting the input of Andover residents. He says knowing where they stand and what they think would be an asset to designing goals and objectives for the town. He urges residents to contact the board with their thoughts. "If it's important, we want to know," he says.

This is Hess' second time as chairman. He knows the ropes and says he has a great crew to work with. "Any time you do something for the first time you're a little more hesitant than the second time," he says. "I enjoyed it the first time around and I plan to do the same the second."

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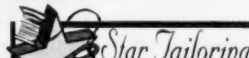
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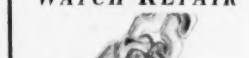
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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



Phillips Academy students hankering for ice cream used to walk down to Allen Hinton's place on South Main Street. Hinton was a former slave who moved his business to Hidden Road in 1901, in the building pictured above. His daughter, Alice, ran the business from 1912 to 1929. The home looks still has a similar look today (bottom photo).

OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

PA's cash-raising not still strong in 2002

Donations to top private schools across the country plummeted with the economy last year. In fact, a national survey on the matter reports private high schools averaged about a 12 percent decline in the average gift last year.

But such was not the case at Phillips Academy in Andover. The Council for Aid to Education survey has reported that the prestigious private high school raised more money in 2002 than 2001. Their numbers show \$30.1 million was raised in 2001 while \$30.4 million was raised in 2002.

Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. was the top money-maker on the list of 194 private schools surveyed nationwide. Exeter raised \$36.5 million in 2001 and \$39.8 million in 2002. Phillips Andover ranked second on the survey.

— Judy Wakefield

Sec. of State Galvin here tomorrow, Friday

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Series presents William Galvin Secretary of State Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Friday, May 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Wyndham Andover Hotel, Andover. A complete breakfast is included. The cost is \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Sponsors include: Banknorth Massachusetts, Covanta Energy, First Essex Bank, Massachusetts Electric, Trinity Emergency and Healthcare Transport, Wheelabrator — North Andover and Whittier Health Network.

Few more weeks of curbside leaf pickup

The town of Andover will continue its curbside leaf collection through Friday, May 23. Residents are to put out their leaves on their designated trash-collection day.

Any appropriate size containers may be used for leaves, but residents using plastic bags must use clear plastic.

Residents may also take leaves and grass clippings year-round to the town compost site on High Plain Road.

Quote, unquote . . .

A LOT OF CARS LOOK AND HONK. It makes you think about when you were in a car.
— Joanna Hoople, of 10 Torr St., on the difficulty of walking 20 miles, which she did to raise money during this past Sunday's Walk for Hunger. (Story, page 2)

I HAVE BEEN MISTREATED BY ANDOVER. They're making me feel like I'm a criminal.
— Angelo Petrosino, who's attempting to develop a remote area of Andover that must be entered off Flash Road in North Reading. (Story, page 1)

News Calendar

Thursday, May 8

Council on Aging, Senior Center, 6 p.m.

Monday, May 12

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14

Shawsheen School Improvement Council, Shawsheen School staff room, 3:15 p.m.

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

Ballardvale Traffic Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 15

Housing Authority, 256 N. Main

St., 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 19

Student Improvement Council, Wood Hill Middle School, conference room A, 6:15 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20

School Committee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21

Senior Center Task Force, Senior Center, 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Sisters give birth together — sort of

■ THE BELLIAS

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Bellias say all is well. Their daughters are graduates of Andover High School. The family all gets together in town every July to celebrate Independence Day. That will be the first time the birthday-sharing babies will meet. Both babies were born

on February 13.

Michelle Bellia attended the Wisconsin School of Law and is an attorney. Lisa Bellia is the vice president of personnel for the Bank of America in Atlanta.

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Safety-belt enforcement throughout summer

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belt education activities to be conducted through September. State law requires all drivers and passengers to be properly restrained in a safety belt, booster seat or child safety seat. Violators are subject to a \$25 fine, and drivers are responsible for all occupants under age 16.

Coloring for kids

It's time again for The Andover Center Association's annual Spring Coloring Contest. The prize will be a new bicycle. The contest is open to children 12 and younger, and people are invited to pick up contest forms from any Andover Center Association member business.

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1:00 - 1:45pm: Space Planning on a Budget: Frugal Design & Fabulous Results! - Brenda H. Bryan, CKD, Vice President, Blackdog Design/Build/Remodel.

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TRAVEL WITH SOMEONE YOU TRUST

How well is Andover meeting its goals?

By Andrea Gregory

Last August, the selectmen approved a list of 17 goals and objectives for fiscal year 2003. It's apparent some goals — such as those related to construction projects — won't be met this year, or will take significantly longer to complete than selectmen planned.

Quarterly reports — such as one recently delivered to the selectmen — help selectmen keep track of progress, and answer the question: what's actually been accomplished?

"The only thing that ever gets done is the last thing on the top of the pile," says Selectman Ray Hender. "This (the goals) is the group at the top of the pile."

"These are the things that are the ongoing business of the town," says Hender. "It's not a checklist."

Here are some of the goals, and where the town stands on the related projects:

New schools

The selectmen's goal was to have the two attached schools ready to open by the start of the school year. They did.

The new schools is an obvious and major accomplishment for the town and the buildings were occupied by September 2002 in accordance with the goal.

"The schools were open on time and within the budget," says Hender.

What still remains is the punch list which was not stat-

ed as something to accomplish, but will most likely need to be taken care of before the schools are completely dismissed from the goals and objectives.

"I would opt to keep them on as long as there's a punch list," says Hender.

Public safety center

Other projects, like the safety center, have fallen behind schedule. The goal of the selectmen and town manager was to see the fire-station side of the building finished by this August. Given the current state of construction this goal obviously will not be met (*see related story*). Buzz Stapczynski, town manager, says he doesn't expect the center to be ready until next spring.

"I'm disappointed the public safety center isn't further along," says Hender.

Sewer construction projects

The sewer expansion project is also falling somewhat behind schedule. The quarterly update for the goals and objectives states "completion date is now (January 2005) due to a late start caused by snow and (Mass. Highway Department) permit delays."

The goal was to complete the sewer expansion by August 2004.

Senior center

This year's senior center Town Meeting warrant article was withdrawn and any

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Residents are starting to see the base of the new fire station take shape.



John Viveiros works on a new wall at the safety center.

Town, contractor at odds over completion

SAFETY CENTER

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orders or ones that may surface as the project continues. "It will take just about all the money we have left."

A Town Meeting vote approved the project for \$12.9 million in 1999. Town Meeting 2001 approved an additional \$235,000; and \$830,000 more was approved at Town Meeting 2002. The project is more than a year behind schedule and more than \$1 million over the original budget.

According to Piantedosi, the town is being more realistic with the completion date than the contractor.

"We would love nothing better than to see it done sooner," he says, but officials don't want to tell Andover residents the project will be complete by a date about which they have doubts.

Buzz Stapczynski, town man-

ager, says he is skeptical the contractor can end the construction delays.

"They're an extremely slow company," says Stapczynski about Mello Construction.

He says last winter Andover did not just battle weather conditions, but had to fight to keep the contractors working.

"They wanted to abandon the project," and take the winter months off, Stapczynski says. "They probably make more money plowing snow."

While workers did stay with the project, Stapczynski says the town had been expecting more work because delays equal additional costs. "They weren't as aggressive as other contractors we've worked with," he says.

Piantedosi says other contractors hired by the town for different projects like the new schools worked all winter without problems. "Contractors work in the

winter, period," Piantedosi says.

Fire Deputy James Lynch says he can understand the weather affecting the amount of work that was done.

"Mother nature had a lot to do with the progress, for sure," says Lynch. "It's been such a hard winter."

He says he saw workers at the safety-center site with portable heaters trying to thaw the ground. "They were trying to heat the soil," says Lynch.

Lynch says he has recently seen more men are working on site.

"We basically lost the winter months," says Darkow, the Mello project manager. "What you could do in a day in milder weather took two weeks."

Darkow says it probably would have been a good idea for construction to shut down for part of the winter. According to him the plan discussed in Janu-

ary was to take February off, waiting out the harsh weather and frozen ground, but the town objected.

Even though the crew continued to work he says there was only so much that could be done and it was not the best time to be digging. He says workers had to dig 16 to 20 feet farther than had been expected; the contract stated that they were to dig six inches below the foundation line. Darkow says Mello is seeking an additional \$400,000 for the extra digging necessary to make the ground suitable for pouring the foundation.

"The owner and the contractor are at odds as far as the interpretation of that clause," he says and the town has not agreed to pay the money.

As for town officials doubting Mello's stated completion date Darkow says he's not bothered by their later projection.

"You have a schedule and you try to stick to it," Darkow says. "It's good to have a little bit of pessimism. You don't want to jinx the outcome."

"They're an extremely slow company."

TOWN MANAGER BUZZ STAPCZYNSKI ON MELLO CONSTRUCTION

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday May 1 — At 2:31 a.m., Christopher Cataldo, 20, of 24 Paulinette Circle, was arrested on Main Street and charged with disorderly conduct and possession of liquor by a minor.

At 5:50 p.m., Janet Hand, 21, of 657 Robbins Ave., Dracut, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with driving with a

suspended license and providing a false name to police.

At 6:36 p.m. Jeffrey Iafra, 33, of 6 Pine St., was arrested on Union Street and charged with not being in possession of a driver's license, failure to wear a seat belt, speeding and driving with a revoked license.

Saturday, May 3 — At 12:13 a.m., Susan Villetta, 38, of 42 Merrilene St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense of driving with a suspended license.

Monday, May 5 — At 9:13 p.m., Patricia Laurie-Hermes, 54, of 984 East St., Tewksbury, was arrested on East Street in Tewksbury and charged with a second offense of driving under the influence, failure to stop for police, having an open container of liquor in the motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation.

At 11:22 p.m., Sandra Kittery, 38, of 9 Centre Ave., Reading was arrested on a defaulted warrant for assault and battery.

THEFTS

Thursday May 1 — At 11:52 there was a report of a theft on Morton Street.

Saturday, May 3 — At 5:31 p.m., a Haverhill Street resident reported that his computer had disappeared.

Monday, May 5 — At 8:00 a.m., a River Road resident reported his cellular phone stolen somewhere between San Francisco, Calif., and Boston.

At 9:12 a.m., Memorial Hall Library reported unreturned books stolen. Police have a suspect.

At 9:23 a.m., West Andover Mobile reported that a motor vehicle was stolen from their lot.

At 12:58 p.m., a Maple Avenue man reported his trash stolen.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Saturday, May 3 — At 7:32 a.m., a man's car was stolen on North Main Street and another stolen car was left in its place, still running. The Andover car was later recovered in Lowell.

Tuesday, May 6 — At 7:26 a.m., an ambulance crashed into a car on the Horn Bridge. There were no injuries.

ACCIDENTS

Thursday May 1 — At 3:26 p.m., a 12-year-old boy ran into a car on his bicycle on Osgood Street, the boy was not injured.

Monday, May 5 — At 2:36 p.m., a bicyclist was hit by a truck and transported to Lawrence General.

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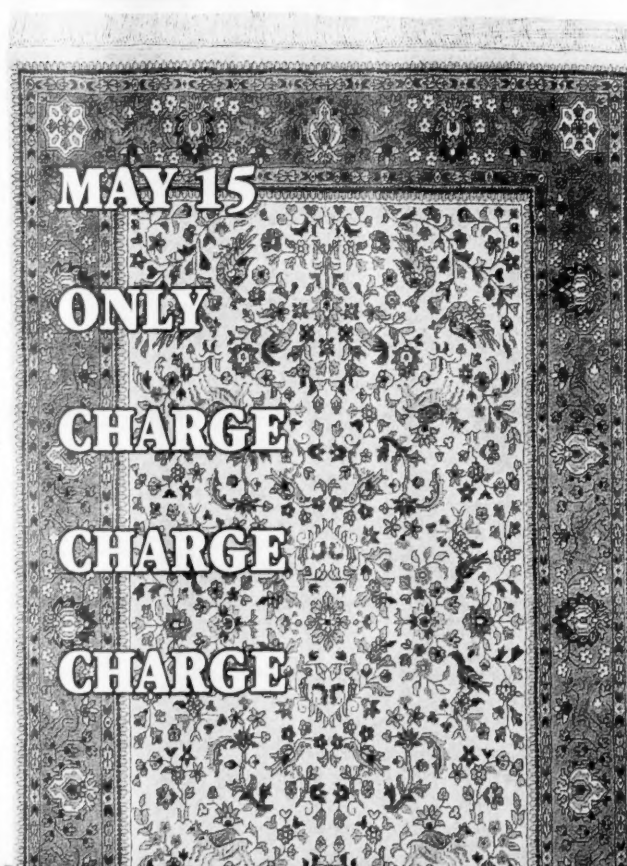
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Town Meeting

Where the snow money was 'found'

By Ben Heliman

They said there was no money – no extra money, no rainy day money. But when town money was needed to cover Andover's snow-removal deficit and finance water projects, officials at 2003 Town Meeting seemed to have no trouble finding money appropriated by Town Meetings as long as 25 years ago.

The appearance of this cash caused some residents to leave 2003 Town Meeting last week with questions about town book-keeping.

Town finance officials say they have simple answers. Here's their explanation:

Articles 8 and 24 at this year's Town Meeting appropriated the spending of \$826,351 that remained from 28 articles approved at previous Town Meetings stretching back to 1978. The money was left over from projects that were completed under budget. Specifically, \$426,532 of this will cover excess snow-removal costs, and \$399,819 will be used for water improvements.



Finance officials say money left over from previous year's projects is usually returned to free cash by a Town Meeting vote.

Town Finance Director Tony Torrisi says finding projects that were finished without spending all of the money appropriated for them is part of a yearly process. Torrisi says he must work with department heads to find this money. "It requires a lot of digging," he said.

There is usually an article to put such unused funds back into

free cash each year, says Joanne Marden, Finance Committee chairwoman. But this year the money was needed to cover immediate costs, like snow removal. Free cash can't be spent until the next fiscal year.

This year's Finance Committee book does list the status of past Town Meeting articles. Pages 117 through 120 list the status of capital fund projects.

Finishing a project under-budget does not entitle one department to keep the remaining money for its projects, says Torrisi, but Marden says such money tends to be used for similar projects. Town Meeting must vote to use the money for any new project. Marden says the town should not use unspent project money to cover recurring expenses, such as those in the operating budget.

Marden says many projects do take a number of years to complete. Some are seasonal projects, especially school-related projects. She says it's common for projects to run either under- or overbudget. "There were any number of years where we had to go back and ask for more money," she said.

Any money waiting to be spent does sit in town accounts and gather interest, said Marden. "There is a significant amount of interest income," she said.

Excess money from water or sewer projects must remain within those accounts, and can only be used for a water or sewer project.

TOWN MEETING RECAP

1. TOWN ELECTION	APPROVED
2. ELECTION OF OTHERS NOT REQUIRED BY BALLOT	APPROVED
3. SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS	APPROVED
4. THE FY2004 BUDGET	APPROVED
5. BUDGET TRANSFERS	APPROVED
6. SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	APPROVED
7. USE OF FREE CASH TO REDUCE FY04 TAX RATE	APPROVED
8. UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS	APPROVED
9A. HOUSEKEEPING - GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION	APPROVED
9B. HOUSEKEEPING - ROAD CONTRACTS	APPROVED
9C. HOUSEKEEPING - TOWN REPORT	APPROVED
9D. HOUSEKEEPING - PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION	APPROVED
9E. CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF THREE YEARS	APPROVED
9F. HOUSEKEEPING - ACCEPTING EASEMENTS	APPROVED
9G. HOUSEKEEPING - GRANTING EASEMENTS	APPROVED
9H. RESCINDING OF BOND AUTHORIZATIONS	WITHDRAWN
10. ROAD/SIDEWALK EASEMENTS	APPROVED
11. UNPAID BILLS	WITHDRAWN
12. ELDERLY/DISABLED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM	WITHDRAWN
13. \$9,000 FOR FIREWORKS	WITHDRAWN
14. \$19,500 FOR HOLIDAY LIGHTS	DISAPPROVED
15. AUTHORIZING TOWN'S REVOLVING ACCOUNTS	APPROVED
16. FIVE STREET ACCEPTANCES	APPROVED
17. HEALTH INSURANCE/WORKERS ON MILITARY LEAVE	APPROVED
18. WATER STORAGE TANK REHABILITATION	APPROVED
19. \$500,000 TO ACCUM. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCOUNT	APPROVED
20. \$4.48 MILLION FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT	APPROVED
21. TOWN CHARTER AMENDMENT	APPROVED
22. GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT DELETING INACCURATE REFERENCE	APPROVED
23. GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT DELETING INACCURATE REFERENCE	APPROVED
24. \$400,000. WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS	APPROVED
25. \$400,000 FOR RED SPRING ROAD RETAINING WALL	APPROVED
26. RELOCATE A RIVER STREET SEWER EASEMENT	APPROVED
27. \$150,000 SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT IN HAVERHILL STREET AREA	APPROVED
28. ATHLETIC FIELD EXPANSION	WITHDRAWN
29. HISTORIC PRESERVATION - ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT	APPROVED
30. PRESERVATION RESTRICTION ACCEPTANCE	APPROVED
31. DEMOLITION DELAY. GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT	APPROVED
32. AFFORDABLE HOUSING - ZONING AMENDMENT	APPROVED
33. AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESTRICTIONS	APPROVED
34. INTERDEPARTMENTAL REVIEW - ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT	APPROVED
35. BALLARDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT - GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT	APPROVED
36. 41 LOWELL JUNCTION ROAD - SALE OF TOWN LAND	APPROVED
37. TOWN CLERK'S FEES	APPROVED
38. SMOKING BYLAW - GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT	APPROVED
39. RAISING FIGURE FOR SENIOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY	APPROVED
40. HITCHCOCK FARM ROAD - LAND TRANSFER TO CONSERVATION	APPROVED
41. REPEALING AMENDMENT TO 1997 INTERMUNICIPAL SEWER AGREEMENT - PROTECT ANDOVER ZONING	APPROVED
42. SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL	WITHDRAWN
43. FOSTER'S POND ISLAND - LAND TRANSFER TO CONSERVATION	APPROVED
44. WORDING CORRECTION - ZONING AMENDMENT	APPROVED
45. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT	DISAPPROVED
46. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT, ZONING AMENDMENT	WITHDRAWN
47. OFF-STREET PARKING, ZONING AMENDMENT	WITHDRAWN
48. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT, ZONING AMENDMENT	WITHDRAWN
49. CONVERSION TO MULTIPLE-DWELLING UNIT	WITHDRAWN
50. INTERMUNICIPAL SEWER AGREEMENTS WITH LOWELL AND TEWKSBURY TO BRING SEWER TO 459 RIVER ROAD	DISAPPROVED
51. EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM	WITHDRAWN
52. EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM	WITHDRAWN
53. TRANSFER RETIREES TO MEDICARE EXTENSION	WITHDRAWN
54. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT	APPROVED
55. OLYMPIC VILLAGE SUBDIVISION - EMINENT DOMAIN LAND TAKING	APPROVED
56. REZONE HIGH STREET AREA TO APARTMENT ZONE	WITHDRAWN
57. QUAILCREST CONSERVATION LAND TRANSFER	APPROVED
58. VETERAN RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY	WITHDRAWN
59. SIGNAGE - ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT	WITHDRAWN
60. \$5,500 TO COMPLETE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN	APPROVED
61. AMEND TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS	APPROVED
62. RELOCATION OF SEWER EASEMENT IN LAWRENCE	APPROVED

Paul Wysocki

■ YOUNG DEATH

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"He was happy, looking forward to college," his father said. "No parent should ever have to go through this."

In addition to his father, Paul M. Wysocki also leaves his sister, Kristen M. Wysocki of Beverly; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Paul Michael Wysocki Scholarship Fund, BankNorth, 61 Main St., Andover, Mass. 01810. The scholarship will be awarded to an Andover High School basketball player.

Arrangements were by Elliott, Woodworth & Rogers Funeral Home, 35 Green St., Newburyport. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Newburyport.

Selectmen feel progress was made

■ GOALS

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senior-center project will face at least another year than had been expected.

With the senior center, Selectman Mary Lyman says she feels a great sense of disappointment. She says the article was withdrawn because of Andover's difficult budgetary year. She says the project won't disappear or be taken off the goals list, and the Senior Center Task Force will continue its work.

Youth center

The Andover Youth Foundation's private construction for the youth center is not expected to begin soon either. The selectmen's goal was to see construction start by next month.

"My understanding is they're looking to push it back," says Lyman.

Hender says he doesn't know where the Andover Youth Foundation stands with the date, but

the selectmen expect to find out soon. He gives member of the organization credit for the work they've done with things like the January telethon to raise money for the project.

"Work has been ongoing and progress has been made, but slower," says Hender.

Water treatment plant

Money to improve the water treatment was approved at Town Meeting. However, the \$4,480,000 won't be much use until the design is complete. Final design plans, scheduled to be ready by last January, are 80 percent complete.

Affordable housing

The affordable housing goal read "attain 10 percent or greater stock of affordable housing."

In the quarterly update the town credits itself for "Two approved 40B permits sent to DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development)

for inclusion on the town's 10 percent." How close Andover really is to meeting the 10 percent goal is not mentioned.

"We're aware of where it stands and what it means," says Hender. "That's a moving target."

Hender says the real goal was to work toward more affordable housing and for the town to get as close as it could to the 10 percent figure.

"Did I think it was going to be complete by June 30? No," says Lyman.

Is the goal to meet the goals or just get as close as possible? "I don't feel like we failed," says Lyman. She says having a list of goals and objectives serves as a helpful tool to keep the selectmen on track and focused. She says there were reasons for the town's setbacks.

"We did OK," she says. "We definitely attacked everything, not always with the same level of success."



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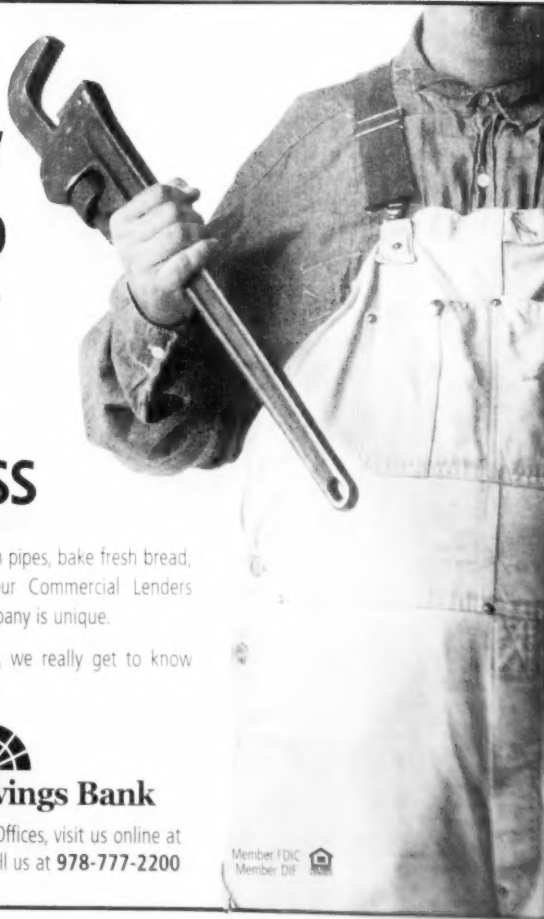
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Mommy's little girl

WEDDING

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"When she told me that she wanted to wear my dress, I was very happy, but this was all up to her."

"It's not like I saved my dress for a daughter. I'm just a saver," Barbara said. "But it is an honor that she wants to wear it."

In addition to wearing her mother's wedding gown, Grace will also wear the same three-tier veil, the same pearl necklace and carry the prayer book that her mother carried down the aisle with a flower bouquet that looks very much like her mom's. She hired a cake designer to replicate her mother's pearl-decorated wedding cake, which will be crowned with the cake topper that her mother packed away nearly 40 years ago.

It was Nov. 11, 1963, when Barbara married Ernest Perry Jr. She grew up on her family's 14-acre farm on Route 114 in North Andover, where The Eagle-Tribune is now located. Their reception was at Andover Country Club, and Grace will hold hers there as well.

"Even before I met Chris I knew I wanted to do this whole mother-daughter thing when I got married," said Grace, who graduated from Andover High School in 1992 and met her future husband while attending Colby College in Waterville, Maine. "It was just fitting that the whole thing came together."

Fitted to a T best describes it, as Grace did not need to alter her mother's wedding gown. It fit perfectly and she just replaced the buttons on the dress — though there are more than 60 of them.

"When my dad saw me, he was just shocked. It's so crazy because he is walking me down (the aisle) in the same dress, when he walked the other way (with my mom)," said Grace, who is a sales representative at Accelchip and just bought a house with Chris on High Street.

"She looks just like I did in the dress," Barbara added.

Her mother got married on a Monday holiday — Veterans Day — and Grace is also getting married on a Monday holiday, Memorial Day. Veterans Day was out of the question, as Grace's brothers are football coaches and November is the middle of that season.

The receptions are at the same place and wedding photos will be taken in the same spot, in front of a fireplace.

Coincidentally, Chris is an only child just like Ernest Perry, and he'll be marrying a young woman who is one of seven kids — again, just as his soon-to-be father-in-law did.

That's when the word "differences" finally emerges. Barbara was one of seven kids who mothered seven kids of her own. Grace said seven kids sounds a bit overwhelming.

"I really doubt that," she giggled when asked about a future involving seven children.

"I'll pack the dress and veil and hope some day I have a daughter who will want to wear it," she said.



From wearing her mom's dress to choosing a nearly identical cake, Grace Perry plans to walk in her mom's footsteps on May 26, the day she walks down the aisle.



Ernest and Barbara Perry cut the cake at their wedding.

'The lost colony of Andover'?

DEVELOPMENT

Continued from page 1

had with his first layout that was denied and is currently pending an appeal in land court.

"You can't stop development," says Paul Materazzo, community development planner for Andover. "Something is going to be there."

But officials don't think the current plan is the answer.

"This would be the lost colony of Andover," Jack Petkus, director of public works. "Those people would be isolated from the town of Andover."

He says not only would those Andover residents be cut off from easy access to town, but they would also lose services such as the Andover cable channel. "Martins Pond is subject to flooding," he says, regularly preventing accessibility and causing safety issues.

"You've got a hike and a half going through North Reading," he says. "I see it as nothing, but problems for the town, for both towns."

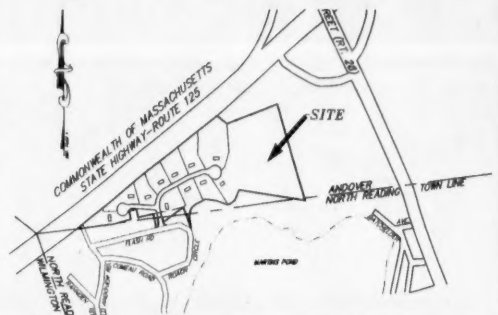
While Petrosino, the developer, was denied any special permit to help his cause, he is waiting for a decision on his second proposal.

"From a planning and legal stand point we have to look at it like it's new," says Materazzo, but he says their are only minor changes to the original plans.

"I wouldn't say it's an improvement," he says. "To put potential Andover residents in harm's way doesn't make sense."

"Even if the board approved it he's still looking at a minimum of a year before he could even put a shovel in the ground," Materazzo says.

Petrosino calls his proposed



Flash point — A map showing the proposed development.

subdivision Pine Forest Park, and he plans to charge residents neighborhood fees. The fees will be similar to condo fees and pay for water, trash removal and snow plowing. Petrosino says a yearly fee of about \$2,000 from each of the 11 households should cover the cost. "We have already been in touch with people to pick up the trash and snow," he says. "Really we (won't) bother Andover at all."

Petrosino, who works along side his son, Carmen, says this will probably be his last project, but the end of his career will not be tied to pleasant memories. He says he's been trying to develop the land for three years and can't get past square one. He claims the town is treating him unfairly and has been given a hard time when it comes to interacting with the town.

"I have been mistreated by Andover," he says. "They're making me feel like I'm a criminal."

He bought the 27 acres in 1999 with plans already drawn up by the previous owner. Petrosino says he had a lawyer look over the documents including the plans to make sure everything checked out. Materazzo says Petrosino was the first to

officially submit any plans. Petrosino says he would like to avoid court, and is hoping the town approves his new plan or can offer helpful suggestions.

"I'm not against him developing the lot," says Deputy James Lynch, from the Andover Fire Department. "There's just so many issues with it."

He says the fire department needs a primary access and wants a secondary access. He says this land being developed will call for "serious training and constant reminders" since there is no easy route to reach it. He wonders how the town should let potential home owners in the area know they should expect slower emergency-response times because of their remote location.

"Do you put it in the purchase and sales agreement? Do you have them sign a document?" he asks. "You want to be up front with everybody."

Lynch says he doesn't have the solution or know the best way for Petrosino to make his plans work.

"Will the land get developed eventually? Yes, it probably will," says Lynch. "I do see problems down the line servicing that area."

ANDOVER RECYCLING

By Sharon Magnuson

Andover Recycling Committee

Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the spring collection of household hazardous waste (HHW) products held at Andover's West Elementary School on Beacon Street.

Residents may bring hazardous waste not allowed in regular curbside trash such as pool chemicals, photo chemicals, pesticides (like bug sprays and rodent poisons), fertilizers, toxic or corrosive cleaning products, herbicides (weed killers), stains, flammable varnishes, oil- and lead-based paints, solvents, thinners, antifreeze, kerosene, unidentified chemicals, fluorescent tubes, elemental mercury and any items containing mercury (such as thermometers, thermostat switches and flow meters).

However, the following items cannot be brought and should be handled as specified:

- latex paints — to handle, leave open to completely dry, then put in regular trash;
- alkaline batteries — put in regular trash;
- regular household cleaning products — put in regular trash;
- car wax and car oil — put in regular trash;
- incandescent light bulbs — put in regular trash;
- propane tanks — return to retailer;
- CRTs and televisions — bring to a special collection (see below); and
- explosive, biological or radioactive materials — call Department of Public Works.

Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. is the collection of CRTs (cathode ray tubes) and televisions at West Middle School on Shawsheen Rd. Residents may bring computer sys-

tems including peripherals, TVs, audio and video equipment including VCRs and stereos, fluorescent lights, fluorescent lamps, microwave ovens, mercury thermometers, thermostats, and any items containing mercury.

Another CRT collection is scheduled for Saturday, June 21. HHW and CRT collections are services Andover offers to residents only, since they do cost the town money. Many other towns charge residents for these services. Additional blue recycling bins will be available at both collections.

Check the yellow "Andover Recycles" brochure for details about HHW, CRT and leaf collections or call the Dept. of Public Works at 978-623-8350. See the Andover Recycling Committee Web site at www.town.andover.ma.us/recycle for lots of useful information.

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FISH STORIES



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THE ANDOVER SPORTSMAN CLUB'S FISHING DERBY

Top photo: Matthew Jacobs takes pointers from his "Pappa," Tim Congrove. Below: Mackenzie Barber spots a reason to smile. Bottom: Colton Holloran caught the largest fish of the day, earning him a new fishing pole.

Neighbors say farm *really* stinks

Blanchard Street farmers: 'You can't expect a showplace'

By Meir Rinde

To neighbors on stately Devonshire Place, the odor from Richard Nabydoski's 50 cows and the vegetables they eat more than slightly resembles the stench of garbage.

To Nabydoski, whose family has run a farm at 76 Blanchard St. near the Tewksbury line for 65 years, it's simply the fragrance of agricultural life.

"You got city people moving in," Nabydoski, 60, said yesterday afternoon as he rested against his rusty gate in a stained pink shirt. "That's the problem. Any kind of smell that comes off a farm, they don't understand it."

Tomorrow night, the Board of Health, a veterinarian, Director of Public Health Everett Penney and other officials will meet informally with neighbors in an effort to come up with a plan for ridding the neighborhood of odors one Lenox Circle resident described as "so nauseating that we have to stay indoors."

Residents say they would welcome the smells of hay and manure. But they cannot abide the present sour aroma, as well as hundreds of seagulls that pick up trash from the farm and leave it strewn on decks and lawns, along with bird droppings.

Nabydoski's sister Maxi

Nabydoski said the seagull complaints are "a load of bull and they make (the farm) sound like a dump, but it isn't." She said seagulls are everywhere – admittedly more prevalent around her property – but said they usually appear only in November.

"You don't go selling animal meat at 50 cents a pound and expect to make a decent living. You can't expect a showplace – not my farm, not any farm," she said. "This is a working farm. It always has been."

Maxi Nabydoski said when the new homes "in the high-class neighborhood" went up in the early 1990s, the family put up signs saying the farm emits noxious odors.

"Which means it stinks. We were honest with them," she said. "Didn't they see what they were buying? We didn't change the farm for the (new) houses. What, did they have an eye infection that day?"

In the early 1990s, the Nabydoskis were forced to get rid of 900 pigs, and in a 1994 settlement of a suit filed by the town they agreed to clear wetlands on the property of building debris, auto parts, and other trash. They did about one-third of the work before saying they could not afford to continue, Penney said.

In addition to the family home, the property contains several old vehicles that have been used to shelter animals or store feed. They include a broken-down school bus as well as garbage trucks once used by the city of Somerville, which the Nabydoskis hope to eventually sell for a profit, Penney said.

Residents have complained about the farm for at least 30 years. As temperatures have warmed in the last two months, they have again sent several e-mails and letters to the Board of Health demanding the town make the Nabydoskis clean up the property.

Sharon Duquet, who has lived next door to the 18-acre farm for 10 years, said she likes the relatively rural neighborhood, where cows sometimes poke their noses over the fence. But the smell puts a damper on her enjoyment of her home, she said.

"We're always hesitant before we have a cookout – should we or shouldn't we?" said Duquet, who can watch from her window as Richard Nabydoski tools around the property on his front-end loader.

"It is nice seeing cows and pigs, but it's not a pretty farm," she added.

The farm animals have also

contaminated a brook running through the property, sending fecal coliform levels far above acceptable levels, Penney said.

Richard Nabydoski, who said he badly hurt his neck in a car accident three years ago, works the property by himself, often late into the evening. Potential workers have stayed away, afraid of being injured by the livestock, he said.

He has considered selling the land to a developer, but the offers he has received were too low, he said. The Nabydoskis own two properties on Blanchard Street that are together worth just over \$1 million, according to the town.

"We try to keep down the smell as much as possible, believe me," Richard Nabydoski said. "Now it's time to turn this farm around. We're going to modernize. One year from now, you'll see big changes."

The Nabydoskis were not made aware of the meeting, but Maxi Nabydoski plans on attending. She said neighbors have yet to complain to her in person.

"Just come and tell me face to face, but don't go behind my back," she said. "If it's a legitimate complaint, you should be able to tell me face to face."

Superintendent's decision surprised

■ CLAUDIA BACH

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but I haven't looked before."

Smith said the committee spent 90 minutes in executive session with Bach before Tuesday night's committee meeting. The committee steered clear of the issue at the public meeting, never even mentioning Bach's candidacy or preparations to hire a new superintendent.

The other finalists for the Cambridge job are Dr. Thomas Fowler-Finn, superintendent in Fort Wayne, Ind., who was superintendent of Haverhill schools in the early 1990s; and Dr. MAK Mitchell, director of learning for Seattle schools.

The Cambridge committee will make a job offer on May 13 and its new superintendent will earn around \$175,000.

Sanborn principal Steve Jankauskas said the news of Bach's candidacy in Cambridge "was certainly a surprise to everyone." But he said he wasn't surprised that Bach would respond to such an opportunity given her connections to Harvard University and her interest in urban districts. "People have to be ready to take opportunities for advancement when they come," he said. "We all wish her well if it is something she wants to do. We hope she'll be successful in her application process and will do what's right for her."

As far as getting on without Bach, Jankauskas said the principals played an active role in planning for the next school year and would be able to follow those plans until a new superintendent stepped in. "We can move ahead until we learn otherwise," he said.

School Committee member Art Barber said the offer wasn't a surprise given Bach's accomplishments. "It's a compliment to the town of Andover," he said.

At a public interview last Friday, Bach described Andover to the Cambridge School Committee as a more "diverse" community than some people think. She said 23 languages are spoken by students in the Andover schools, and noted that despite the town's affluence, the district had children on free lunch programs – a standard poverty measure – and had pockets of "underachieving" students who need special help.

She also touted her track record in improving Andover schools. "We have developed a good district into a high-performing district," she said of Andover. "We've had very targeted programs."

One of Bach's competitors for the Cambridge job, Fowler-Finn, was Haverhill's superintendent from 1988 to 1995, when he left to oversee the 53 schools and 32,000 students of the Fort Wayne County Schools. He said he favors a plain-speaking, strong management style, but said the Cambridge School Committee – which observers said has been criticized for micro-managing its last superintendent and sending her confusing messages – appears willing to change its approach.

The answers Fowler-Finn and Mitchell gave prompted many more follow-up questions than Bach's answers. But parent Dennis Friedler, the father of a second-grade student, said the School Committee's visits this week to Andover and the other candidates' home districts would

provide better information than the 60- to 90-minute long interviews.

Cambridge School Committee member Alan Price said he needed to do more research to back up the candidates' descriptions of their experiences, but liked what he had seen of Bach so far. "She has a marvelous interpersonal style," he said. "I can see what Andover loves about her."

Andover parents and teachers said they had no idea Bach was considering leaving Andover before the news broke last week. "I'm surprised," said Christina Christoforo, who has children at Bancroft Elementary, Doherty Middle and Andover High. "But she's a bright woman, so I'm sure she'd be up to the challenge."

"She has to do what she has to do, and obviously as a professional you try to move yourself the way you feel you should be going," said Tim Van Wey, a chemistry teacher at Andover High School and a union official. But Van Wey said Bach's departure – if she gets the job and chooses to take it – could make it even more difficult for the schools to handle the layoffs, program cuts and other budget reductions coming in the fall. "It's like, 'What's next?'" he said. "I'd be very, very sorry to see a change of administration, because that's just like the edge of chaos."

At the same time, Van Wey

said he had mixed feelings about Bach. His union, the Andover Education Association, praised Bach two years ago after the administration negotiated pay raises using a bargaining technique that produced little acrimony, Van Wey said. More recently, when Bach briefly floated a furlough plan in which teachers would take unpaid time off to save the district money, the relationship soured. "Something went wrong," Van Wey said. "In the middle of everything going wrong, now she's leaving."

The most persistent critique of Bach has been that she does not communicate her plans clearly to parents and other members of the school community. Diane Costagliola, a member of the town-wide Parent Teacher Organization, praised Bach for overseeing the opening of two new schools, creating a new program to use laptop computers in the classroom, and other accomplishments.

But Bach drew strong criticism from parents over other issues, Costagliola said, such as over last year's cuts to music programs, the effect of redistricting on eighth graders' school assignments, and the consequences of the failure of a tax override vote last year.

"There has always been a communication issue," Costagliola said. "She wasn't always clear in saying what her intentions were."

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Opinion

Goal setting

BEING AN ELECTED TOWN OFFICIAL – essentially a volunteer position – is particularly difficult when the economy turns sour. But it's at times like these when people have a chance to show what type of leaders they are.

For the past few years, when the selectmen have met to discuss their annual goals, they have created a list of "goals" so long that the list actually seems to imply they have difficulty identifying the town's most needed projects. As we have before, we encourage the selectmen this year to name fewer than the 17 goals they did for fiscal year 2003. Targeting just a few true goals – such as the town's ongoing and proposed multi-million dollar projects – and insisting that a specific amount of progress be made on each in the coming fiscal year, is the recommended approach.

In 1997 the town decided to create a new, temporary position – someone to oversee the proposed safety center, senior center and Cross Street schools projects from beginning to end. There have been more people (two) to hold that position than there have been projects completed (one, the schools). Each of these projects was listed as one of the 17 priorities for fiscal year 2003. But so were a number of other items. Community focus is needed.

The lauded School Building Committee that oversaw the building of the two schools that opened this school year showed how valuable qualified and constant oversight by community members can be for complicated projects.

Recognizing volunteers and walking around the town boundaries with other communities' leaders as suggested by new Selectmen Chairman John Hess are nice efforts, but we encourage the selectmen to set their bar significantly higher. There are a number of ongoing, pricey construction projects that could benefit from a more demanding and constant eye, on the lookout for constant progress.



Web question

How do you remember Mom?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was: Five Andover businesses sold tobacco products to minors in April. Does this affect how you will do business with these stores in the future?

36 people voted.

• 6, or 17 percent said, "Yes. Shame on them. I won't shop at a business that sells cigarettes to kids."

• 1, or 3 percent said, "Yes. I plan to take personal action against the businesses, such as a boycott or public petition. In this day and age, they should know better."

• 10, or 28 percent, said "Not yet. Everyone makes mistakes and these sales were probably unintentional. If the store was found to be a repeat offender, that would change my opinion."

• 1, or 3 percent, said "No. It was one mistake and it would be too inconvenient to steer around that many stores."

• 18, or 50 percent, said "No. Kids will find a way to smoke if they want to."

This week's Web-site question: **What will you do on Mother's Day to let your mother know you care?**

• We have a tradition like going out to brunch or seeing a movie together that we do every year.

• Flowers and a card are always a safe way to go and my plan for this year.

• I've been searching for the perfect gift. I plan on giving mom something she will cherish and always remember.

• I plan on giving her a call. Isn't the best way to say happy Mother's Day to actually say it?

• Oh, shoot! Is that this Sunday?

To cast a vote, surf to www.andovertownsmen.com.

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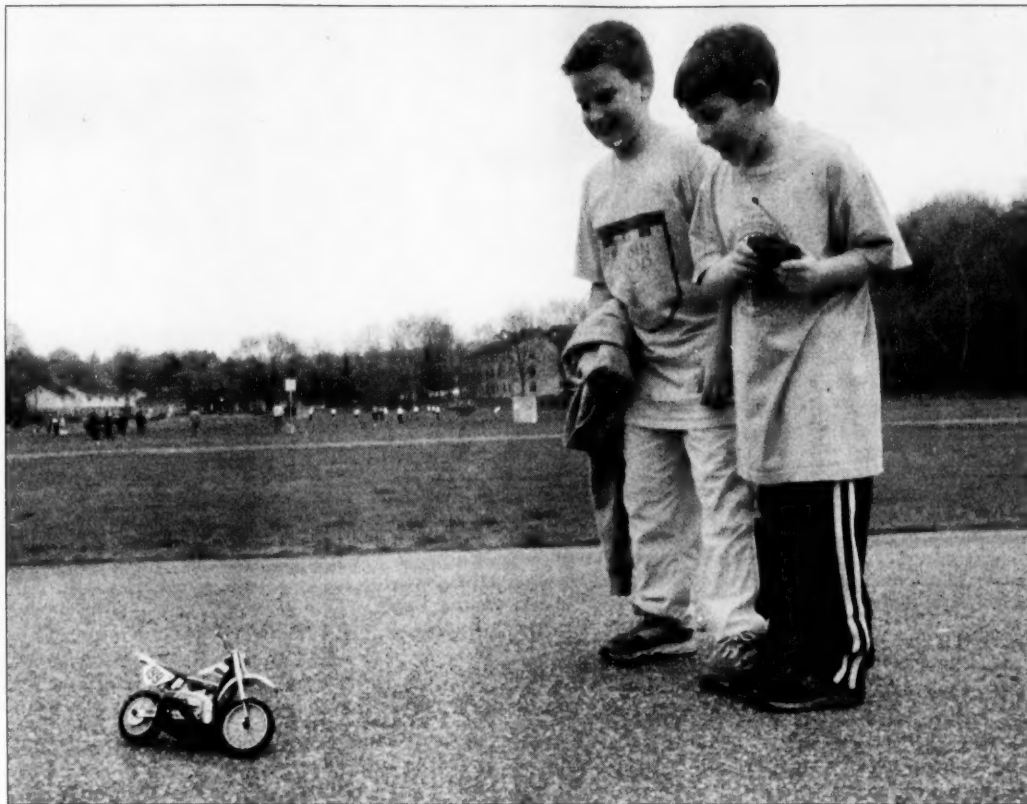
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A REMOTE SIGHT



Dylan Gully and Alec Booth played with their remote-controlled motorcycle at the fields behind Doherty Middle School on Tuesday afternoon.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

LETTERS

Be wise about water use

Editor, *Townsmen*:

On behalf of New England Water Works Association members throughout Massachusetts, I would like to thank consumers for obeying community water restrictions and conserving water during the record-breaking drought of 2001-2002.

Such cooperation and support allowed local water utilities to provide sufficient water supplies to service homes and businesses, to maintain adequate water pressure, and to fight fires during this prolonged and serious dry spell.

During Drinking Water Week – 2003 this week, I urge consumers to make wise water use a permanent part of their daily lives. Despite above-normal precipitation during the past several months, some communities will be forced to impose water restrictions this summer as they struggle to meet ever increasing water demands resulting from on-going residential and economic growth and development.

And, as this growth and development continues in the years ahead, the strain on our vital but limited water supplies will only become more severe, making everyday water conservation even more critical.

For these reasons, I ask consumers to continue to use water wisely throughout the year so that sufficient supplies will be available to support a prosperous economic future and a healthy quality of life for our children and generations to come.

For further information about how to conserve water indoors or outdoors, residents could contact their local water department, or New England Water Works Association at 508-893-7979 or www.newwwa.org.

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E-mailing

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About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file two years ago and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

The Web site for his creation is www.hudsonvanloo.ca and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones on this page.

Mother's Day daydream



Neil Fater

"I had a dream for three nights that he walked in to surprise me. My husband had the same dream," says Capano.

And if by some miracle Tony was able to do so this Sunday, on Mother's Day?

"That would be the greatest Mother's Day present of all," she says.

While Capano will enjoy the company of her other six children, who range in age from 38 to 18, she will be thinking of Tony, she says.

"It's a special time to have them all together. It's very lonesome when Tony's not there," she says. "He tries to get home on most of the holidays. There's not too many he misses. This is the first time he's gone far away."

Lt. Commander Tony Capano has spent the past 15 years in the military. Currently, as a pharmacist, he's stationed in one of the three temporary hospitals set up in the Iraqi desert by the US Navy, says his sister Cris Tavares, of Greenwood Road.

Tony Capano's mother is not the only Andover mother in her situation. In fact, both Tavares and her mom say they were touched when they went to a military concert at the Collins Center recently and saw how many local people stood up when the crowd was asked who had served in the military. Many of these same people stood to indicate they have sons or daughters who are currently serving in the military. The Capanos were included in this group, as Tony Capano followed in the footsteps of his father, George.

However, though dozens of Andover families have a military connection, most Andover military families with loved ones stationed in the Middle East don't know anyone else in their situation. That's why, when Tavares heard about resident Elizabeth Freidberg's idea to create a network for families with people in the military, she

Each Mother's Day, Madeline Capano and her seven children go out for Chinese food. It's a family tradition.

But this year, one of her sons, Anthony "Tony" Capano won't be dining on Dim Sum. He'll be eating in a mess tent in an Iraqi desert.

Not that this fact can stop Mom Madeline from dreaming of her son's return – literally.

wanted to connect her parents with other parents who have children in Iraq, such as Joe and Connie Lynch of Laconia Drive. She figured talking with them would be more helpful for her mom than constantly watching TV news for updates. Talking to another mom might be the next best thing to talking to her son.

Ironically, while there's a wealth of information about the military available on TV, mothers are rarely able to speak directly with their kids involved in the military effort.

"When Jessica Lynch was rescued, (Tony) called and that was the only time," says Madeline Capano. US Marines with phones were in the area, but when they left so did their phones.

At the time, Madeline Capano asked if Tony had heard the news about Lynch. "He said, 'Oh, mom, I'll tell you all about it when I get home,'" she says, indicating to her that Lynch, the first POW rescued during Operation Iraqi Freedom, must have come through Tony Capano's desert hospital for attention. "I'm sure there's a connection there," says Madeline Capano.

While the Capano family doesn't get to talk to Tony on the phone often, they do write and hear back from him through e-mail nearly every day. Because he's a sports nut, his brothers and sisters spend a lot of time sending messages about the latest Red Sox games and golf matches.

Tavares' son David and his class at Sanborn Elementary sent letters and drawings of things such as the school playground to him. Tony Capano told his mom he plans to visit the classroom if he arrives home in time.

The family also sends food, such as his favorite candy, Swedish fish, in care packages, which can take weeks to arrive.

"Being an Italian mom, I think the first thing you think of is food. One of the first things I put in a package was a pepperoni," says Madeline Capano.

"I pray for him every night and I have an American flag I light up every night. It's a little light burning for him every day," she says.

Though Tony Capano keeps his e-mail conversations upbeat, he has discussed some of the conditions – such as dealing with the brutal sandstorms in Iraq. Getting from one tent to another can be difficult.

"You get disoriented," says Madeline Capano. "He said it's like walking through flour. You touch it and it sticks to everything."

"They had to have a rope tied from one tent to

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THE THURSDAY FILE

Before you speak, listen. Before you write, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you invest, investigate. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try. Before you retire, save. Before you die, give.

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These are my new shoes. They're good shoes. They won't make you rich like me, they won't make you rebound like me, they definitely won't make you handsome like me. They'll only make you have shoes like me. That's it.

CHARLES BARKLEY

Experts often possess more data than judgment.

COLIN POWELL

Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that this new world is born.

ANNAIS NIN

When men are full of envy they disparage everything, whether it be good or bad.

TACITUS

I am a camera with its shutter open, quite passive, recording, not thinking.

CHRISTOPHER ISHERWOOD

Weakness fixing might prevent failure, but strength building leads to excellence. Focus on strength, and manage around weaknesses.

MARCUS BUCKINGHAM

The Eleanor Roosevelt quotation:

The only advantage of not being too good a housekeeper is that your guests are so pleased to feel how very much better they are.

Best quotation sent:

You cannot hit two targets with one arrow. If your thoughts stray, you miss the enemy's heart. Mind and arrow must become one. Only with such concentration of mental and physical power can your arrow hit the target and pierce the heart.

BALTASAR GRACIAN

LETTERS

What did voters say to families of moderate means?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Whew. For a minute, viewing the front-page photograph of Town Meeting attendees cheering the defeat of a development planned for their neighborhood, I had this terrible feeling that once again a lack of generosity toward those less well-off who wish to live in Andover had carried the day. Reading on, however, the conflict was depicted as one between the neighborhood association and the would-be developer.

That was certainly reassuring. I wouldn't want to think that families of moderate income are unwelcome in Andover; or that developers would use them as a pretext to push profitable overbuilding of small sites; or anything ungenerous like that.

David Berman
71 Bartlet St.

Mom expected more supervision

Editor, *Townsmen*:

When is a chaperone *not* a chaperone?

Andover parents of West Elementary School fifth-grade students who attended the Stone Environmental Camp in April should be asking that question.

As one of four chaperones — three parents and one teacher for 20 students — for Meritor Academy who attended the Stone Camp in New Hampshire at the same time as West Elementary, I was absolutely appalled at the lack of supervision the roughly 110 students from West Elementary received during the four-day trip. The fact that the teachers, along with a 5-month-old baby, chose to rent a condo at a location away from Stone certainly explained the lack of chaperones, but I have to assume that the parents are unaware that their teachers would not be on site.

On Monday, all adult chaperones attended a meeting with the

Spending for mentally ill

Our throw-away society now throwing away people

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill needs public assistance. After all their advances in the field of mental illness, grassroots families are being pushed back into the void.

Hospitals are closed, or closing, and state land, designated for people with mental illnesses, is being developed. The promise of "homes in the community" has been broken. There is little or no affordable housing in the community. Department of Mental Health offices are shrinking and relocating in difficult. If not impossible places for low-income people with brain disorders, to reach.

When I came into the world of mental illness, people were warehoused and hidden in hospitals. New very ill people are warehoused and hidden in jails. It has apparently become a

crime to be mentally ill.

People with illnesses sleep under bridges and in dangerous alleys, where they freeze in the winter and are hungry all year round. They are sustained by food that is thrown away by the more affluent.

Everyone knows that people without homes, dental care and medical services contract and spread contagious diseases like tuberculosis, Hepatitis C, HIV and now SARS. Hospital emergency rooms are critically overburdened and in grave danger. This appears to be acceptable, as long as ill people do not disturb the peace of the neighborhood or steal food. Stealing is a crime for poor and disabled people. What could be more criminal than taking away necessary anti-psychotic medications, dental care and the hard-fought-for services that make human life possible? Our

throwaway society is now throwing people away. People are being killed by a corporate mentality. The backs of working and retired people are certainly strained, but those who are disabled and unable to work would certainly wish to be able. If raising revenues is the only way to save lives, how can we not? It is the fair and just thing to do.

Democracy is "of the people, by the people and for the people," and the people will keep on coming. People with brain disorders are people. We are ALL "the people." If the State House is really the people's house, perhaps the homeless can sleep there.

Jean DeRosa

158 High Plain Road

(The letter writer is the president of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Massachusetts.)

Would Bush basher protest others?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing in response to a letter written by Seth Bardo published in the May 1 edition of the *Townsmen*. In his letter, Bardo expresses his displeasure at the presence of former president George H.W. Bush on the campus of Phillips Academy, Bush's alma mater.

Bardo's feelings seem to emanate from his personal distaste for some of Mr Bush actions during his tenure in office. I would suggest, that while Bardo is certainly entitled to his opinions, his conclusions in this matter are flawed.

First, does Bardo truly feel it would be appropriate to exclude political leaders from addressing future generations based solely on their political views? If that is the case, will he be heading to Milton later this month to protest the address of former president Bill Clinton at the graduation ceremony of Milton Academy, or will he support those who do? I believe this is a rhetorical question.

Secondly, Bardo's statement regarding the appropriateness of Bush at this particular moment in history also rings hollow. Bush's personal biography would seem to make him uniquely qualified at this particular time to address young people about personal sacrifice during unsettled times. There are probably not a dozen people in

the world who have experienced what Bush did, only months removed from Andover, during WWII. Those moments should not be lost to history over a philosophical disagreement on the appointment of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court.

Bush has been an active champion for PA for his entire lifetime, raising millions of dollars that fund scholarships for the underprivileged and support the intellectual activities of the PA faculty, presumably including Bardo. Irrespective of one's political viewpoint, Bush should be welcomed to the campus with open arms any time his schedule allows.

One final point of factual clarification, Bardo states of Bush, "he clearly exploited the issue of race through the infamous Willie Horton advertisements designed by his campaign manager Lee Atwater."

Whatever one thinks of that particular ad, the issue was not first used against Michael Dukakis by the Bush campaign. It was first used in the Democratic primaries of 1988 by then Sen. Albert Gore, who I believe was still publicly adhering to a pro-life position at that time. Will Bardo be leading the protest should Gore return to deliver an address at Harvard?

Matthew Lane
27 Fleet St.
Boston

Politics not part of anniversary fete

Editor, *Townsmen*:

In response to Seth Bardo's letter in last week's *Townsmen*, it is unfortunate that he felt it necessary to politicize former President George H.W. Bush's recent visit to Phillips Academy for the 225th Anniversary celebration of the school.

President Bush was in attendance as a proud alumnus, and certainly it would be expected that he would be welcome to attend. Whether Bardo, or any faculty, share the views of Bush is not the point, nor in the spirit of celebrating the distinguished history of the school.

Bardo took exception with an earlier statement by the director of communications for Phillips Academy, Sharon Britton. Although I support his right to

express his opinions, I find it interesting that as a faculty member of an institution that promotes diversity and exploration of varying views that he would consider that Bush's visit "was not a good idea." It was clearly not a political visit, and I would hope that the common bond Bardo and Bush share, the celebration of the school's anniversary, would be reason to welcome all alumni back regardless of their political views.

In the future, if faculty members do not want to attend functions when Bush visits, perhaps the school would consider opening their spots to the public. I would proudly attend.

Judith A. Roman
10 Hitchcock Farm Road

Mother's Day dream

■ COLUMN

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the other and be tethered to it just to get to the latrine," says Tavares. "The wind would just be blowing you away."

Even though the end of the heavy fighting has arrived, Madeline Capano still worries about problems such as these. "I told him I won't feel good until he's back in the USA — and I can give him a big hug," she says.

Fortunately, sooner than Madeline Capano might have

expected, she won't have to worry so much.

Anthony Capano has reported his hospital might be shut down as soon as May 15, and within one to eight weeks he could be transferred home.

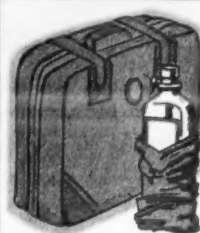
That might not be "the greatest Mother's Day present of all," but it does hint at bringing a mother's dream to life.

Neil Fater is editor of the *Andover Townsman*. He can be reached by e-mail at nfater@andovertownsman.com.

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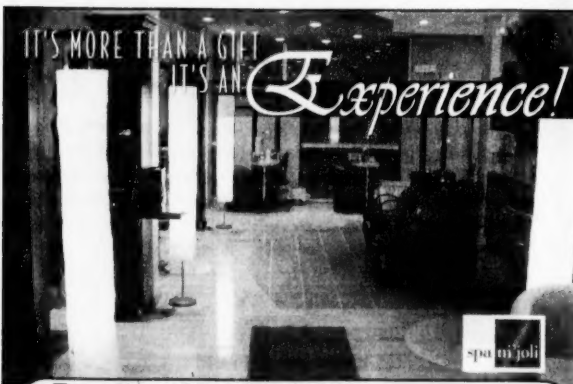
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OBITUARIES

Paul M. Wysocki

AHS '01 grad, athlete wanted to be a police officer

Paul Michael Wysocki, 21, of Beverly and a former longtime Andover resident, died Wednesday, April 30 in Lowell.

He was a sophomore criminal justice student at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell pursuing a career in law enforcement. He was a pitcher for the college's baseball team.

Born in Winchester, Mr. Wysocki graduated from Andover High School in 2001, where he played varsity baseball and basketball all conference.

"He loved sports but basketball was his passion," said his father, Paul Wysocki of Beverly. "His smile was just infectious. Anybody who got to know him just loved him."

"He was looked up to and was a hero to many people. It is so unfortunate that he died so young," Mr. Wysocki said, adding that his son planned to be a police officer or a state trooper.

In addition to his father, members of his family include his sister, Kristen M. Wysocki of Beverly; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was also the son of the late Kathleen Wysocki.

Arrangements were by Elliott, Woodworth & Rogers Funeral Home, 35 Green St., Newburyport. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Newburyport.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Paul Michael Wysocki Scholarship Fund, BankNorth, 61 Main St., Andover, 01810.

Dorothea M. Hamilton-Gillette

London native also lived in Switzerland and San Francisco

Dorothea M. (Solly) Hamilton-Gillette, 91, of Andover, and formerly of Switzerland and San Francisco, Calif., died Wednesday, April 30, at Wingate in Andover.

She was born in London, England, and while living in San Francisco was very active at the Old St. Mary's Cathedral Church and volunteered with the St. Vincent's DePaul Society.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, Louis d'Arcy and Colonel Douglas Hamilton-Gillette.

Members of her family include her daughter, Victoria M. Bernard and her husband Alan of Andover; grandchildren, Andrew Bernard, Tania (Bernard) Atkinson, and Stephen Bernard; and great grandchildren, Emily and Cameron Atkinson, and Ryan Bernard.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, 01810.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent DePaul's Society, Old St. Mary's Cathedral, 660 California St., San Francisco, CA 94108.

OBITUARIES ARE A SERVICE OF THE TOWNSMAN

DEATHS

Wilbur G. Baldwin, 88
Dwaine M. Blouin, 50
Concetta DelMonico, 98
Patricia A. Grassi, 67
Dorothea Hamilton-Gillette, 91
Ernest C. Maroun, 88
Anne Morrissey, 74
Daniel J. Shine, 92
John J. Smith
Helen P. Wesley, 88
Paul Michael Wysocki, 21

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

BALDWIN - Wilbur G. Baldwin, 88, of Reading and formerly of Erie, Pa., died Friday, May 2 at Wingate at Reading. Members of his family include his son, Richard R. Baldwin and his wife, Joan, of Andover.

BLOUIN - Dwaine Marie Blouin, 50, of Newburyport, died Saturday, May 3 at Anna Jacques Hospital. Members of her family include her sister, Debra Blouin of Andover.

DELMONICO - Concetta (Coletta) DelMonico, 98, of Port Charlotte, Fla., died Wednesday, April 30 at St. Joseph's Hospital. She worked at Converse Rubber in Andover for many years.

GRASSI - Patricia A. Grassi, 67, of Salisbury, died Saturday, May 3 at Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington. She was a librarian in Andover schools for many years and while suffering from blindness, she wrote two novels using a voice-assisted computer.

MAROUN - Ernest C. Maroun, 88, of Lawrence, died Sunday, May 4 at Lawrence General Hospital. He was an electronics technician at Raytheon in Andover before retiring in 1980.

SMITH - John J. Smith of Rochester, N.H., died Saturday, May 3. Members of his family include his brothers, Robert B. Smith and Eddie Smith, both of Andover.

SHINE - Daniel J. Shine, 92, of North Andover, died Thursday, May 1 at Prescott House. Members of his family include his son, Daniel J. Shine Jr. and his wife Rosanne of Andover.

WESLEY - Helen P. (Rokel) Wesley, 88, of Methuen, died Thursday, May 1 at Salemhaven Nursing Home in Salem, N.H. Mrs. Wesley was a member of Sts. Helen and Constantine Greek Orthodox Church in Andover and the church's Greek Ladies Philothochos Myrofori.

Anne Morrissey

45-year resident

Anne (Gaffny) Morrissey, 74, of Hampstead, N.H., a former 45-year Andover resident who was formerly of Agawam, died Thursday, May 1 at Holy Family Hospital.

Born in Lawrence, she was a graduate of the Bruce School, and in 1946 graduated from Lawrence High.

She had formerly been employed as a switchboard operator in the 1970s for *The Eagle-Tribune* and New England Telephone Co., and had also worked as a real estate broker.

Mrs. Morrissey had been a former attendant of St. Augustine's Church of Andover, and was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America.

She was also a Girl Scout leader and camp counselor.

Members of her family include her husband of 54 years,

Walter J. Morrissey; daughter, Kathleen Morrissey-Morini and son-in-law Michael M. Morini of West Springfield; sisters, Catherine E. Sheppard of Norwell, Harriet P. Palmieri of Andover, Margaret A. O'Connell of Methuen, Theresa G. Murphy of Andover and the late Helen G. Driscoll; brothers, Edward P. Gaffny of Hampton Beach, N.H. and John J. Gaffny of North Andover; one grandson; several nieces and nephews, including niece Ellen Murphy Meehan of Lowell; and close friends including Pat Hopkins of Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oncology Clinic,

Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Arrangements were by Polard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

Jones memorial service is May 15

A memorial service for Irene Jones will take place at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover on Thursday, May 15 at 3 p.m.

Friends and acquaintances are invited.

RELIGION NEWS

Temple Emanuel of Andover invites the community to join it on Friday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. for "Friday Night Live," a Friday night Shabbat service with traditional liturgy set to an eclectic mix of contemporary, popular American music.

Music will be performed by Cantor Donn Rosensweig and Temple Emanuel's adult and children's choirs, accompanied by a musical ensemble of Temple members under the direction of Idan Irelander.

"Friday Night Live" was developed in 1999 in California

to reach out to the young adult population frequently missing from Friday night services. Since its inception, this service has been performed in congregations nationwide.

A traditional *oneg Shabbat* (coffee and dessert) will follow the service. Call 978-470-1356 for more information.

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Ceili Rain returns to **Free Christian Church** this Saturday, May 10 with its infectious blend of merry music and message.

Last year the band packed the church, with fans traveling up to three hours to enjoy this New England appearance.

The concert begins at 7 p.m., for a suggested donation of \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Come early for best seats, but good seats are available to all, organizers said.

Hailed as a "family-friendly" band, Ceili Rain (pronounced KAY-lee Rain) blends upbeat rhythms with traditional Celtic instrumentation such as tin whistle, bagpipes, and button accordion to knit a tightly-woven, driven sound that appeals to young and old alike, organizers said.

For directions and additional information, visit www.freechristian.org, or call the church office at 978-475-0700.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1903

The new bell was hung in South Church today.

The first open trolley car of the season was run last Wednesday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the Courteous Circle will be held in the South Church vestry, next Tuesday evening.

The daughter of Booker T. Washington, the well-known colored reformer, who has been spending a few days in Andover, left last Tuesday.

Several new members joined the Christian Endeavor Society last Sunday.

Some dozen or more years ago the skeleton used in anatomy classes at Abbot was surreptitiously taken to the belfry of the North Church by students, so it was claimed, and there it grinned down on mankind below. The skeleton was recovered minus a hand, and that was found by a local plumber this week in the bell tower while making some repairs.

75 Years Ago - 1928

The body of George Lowry, age 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lowry of Andover Street, Ballardvale, was recovered at 6 o'clock Monday night from the Shawheen River at a point less than 25 yards away from where he drowned at about 10 o'clock that morning.

Miss Alice Stowe of Dorchester is employed as a monotype operator at the Andover Press.

Chief of Police Frank Smith has had a new dome and light place in the "silent policeman" in the square.

Miss Alice Jenkins was elected president of the Women's Guild of Christ Church to succeed Mrs. Arthur Boutwell, who resigned after 7 years of service, at the annual meeting held at Christ Church Parish House yesterday afternoon.

The spring get together of Scout commissioners, Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters of the North Essex Council of Boy Scouts was held Wednesday evening, May 2, at Camp Manning, Pomp's Pond.

The third and last minstrel show of the season was presented last Friday evening in the Town Hall by members of the Clan Johnson, 185, OSC and the Ladies Auxiliary 42, under the auspices of the ways and means committee of the Fraternal Building association.

50 Years Ago - 1953

The roster of the Memorial Day parade was drawn up at a meeting of the Memorial Day committee held Monday night in the office of Francis P. Markey, veterans' service agent, in the Town House.

A spring upsurge in Andover's building operations is noted for the month of April, according to the permits granted by Building Inspector Ralph W. Coleman.

Two local teen-age boys,

Harold Hayes, 16, of 83 Central St., and John Kielsing, 17, of 12 Bartlett St., have been reported missing from their homes since Sunday.

Following an earlier communication from the insurance agents of the town regarding a breakdown of premiums for town insurance, the selectmen at Monday night's meeting wrote to the agents giving them the formula used in determining the rate of commission to be paid to each agency.

Edward I. Erickson was elected superintendent of schools at a regular meeting of the school committee Tuesday night and Robert E. McIntyre was elected football coach.

In a letter to the editor: It seems about time that the citizens of Andover knew just how procrastinating and defunct is the functioning of their Board of Appeals.

25 Years Ago - 1978

The town has received reimbursement from the state under the self-help program for the purchase of the Doyle land off High Plain Road.

Andover's administration is gearing up to be defensive about revaluation, in the wake of voters rejecting for the third time in a year a revaluation program for the town.

On Friday, April 28 the sophomore class held a Disco Dance. The evening proved to be a great success. Disco music was played throughout the evening.

Three local banking executives have returned from a visit to Israel with a delegation of chief executive officers of Massachusetts Savings Bank.

Implementation of the decision of voters at last week's town meeting to go forward with secondary school construction was underway this week.

A proposal which would alter

the testing process preceding septic tank installation was proposed to the board of health and selectmen by Town Manager Jared S.A. Clark.

10 Years Ago - 1993

Employees of Patriot Properties Inc., of Peabody, the private contractor hired by the town to perform physical inspections of all residential properties, began work last week. The inspection process could last about six weeks.

The Rev. Susan Horgan Baker and her husband, Richard Baker, will begin sharing a job in June. They will be co-pastors of the United Church in Christ in Somerset. The two were determined to work together.

Winners of the Friday bingo games at the Andover Senior Center may not leave the game table with as much money as they have in the past. Pots may soon be cut in half, due to a state law that regulates how much money bingo players can win.

Six juveniles were arrested inside a house on High Plain Road two weeks ago after allegedly breaking into the home while its owners were on vacation, drinking beer and vodka and using the homeowners' car to pick up other members of the group, according to police.

Andover High School's all-night, drug and alcohol-free graduation celebration is planned for Monday night, June 7, from 10 p.m. to 5 the next morning. Jane Batts, one of the parent coordinators of the event, said the planning committee has raised about half of the \$12,000 it needs to cover the evening.

A manufacturer's defect in the locking mechanism of 950 lockers at Andover High School resulted in a number of thefts last month at the school.

- Compiled by Townsman intern Kyra Auffermann



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EVENTS CALENDAR



Adam and Kevin Moreno enjoy "playing" the exhibit Jim Hodges: colorsound at the Addison Gallery of American Art. For more information on the spring exhibits, call 978-749-4027.

Thursday, May 8

Blood drive, Andover High School Student Government will host a Blood Drive in the field house, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., all are welcome, to sign up or for more information contact Kim Serapiglia at 978-623-8600.

Talk and book signing, Joan Anderson, author of *A Year by the Sea* and *An Unfinished Marriage*, free, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 1-800-491-0143.

Storytelling and opening, Andover Historical Society presents *Turning the World Upside Down*, storytellers/actors Susan Lenoe and Lani Peterson will give an interactive performance of Sarah and Angelina Grimke, sisters from a South Carolina plantation who campaigned against slavery and for the rights of women, 7 p.m.

Opening Slavery, Anti-Slavery & The Underground Railroad in Andover, \$5 members, \$10 non-members, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Workshop, Elder Services Navigating Choice Speaker Series presents an interactive workshop for baby boomers as they approach their later life. *Home: It's where you hang your hat! Where will that be for you?*, free, 7-9 p.m., Andover Memorial Hall Library, limited seating, RSVP 1-800-892-0890 Ext. 347.

Live music, Eric Taylor, \$10-\$12, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Friday, May 9

Theater, Merrimack Junior Theater presents *Fiddler on the Roof*, \$8, 7:30 p.m., Doherty Middle School Auditorium, tickets available at Andover Department of Community Services, Strawberry Tree, cast members and at the door (if available); Kathy Abisso 978-474-4748 or Claudia Richards 978-685-8083.

Variety Show, Annual Bancroft Variety Show, \$8, 6:30 p.m., bake sale during intermission, Collins Center, proceeds benefit the Bancroft School; 978-623-8880.

Opening reception and gallery talk,

Andover Historical Society presents Contemporary Andover Artists Series exhibition, recent pastels, watercolors and prints by Diane M. Pitochelli, \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

Performance, *The Stringmaker* presents an intergenerational dance/theater performance, forty performers ages 6-80, create a vibrant and magical weave of story, song and dance, artistic direction by Alana Shaw and Sarah Grieco, free donation accepted, 8 p.m., KGR Building (next to the Essex Art Center), 60 Island St., Lawrence, 978-475-8425.

Breakfast meeting, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Series presents William Galvin, secretary of state, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, \$18 members, \$25 non-members, 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m., Wyndham Andover Hotel, 978-9686-0900.

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Harrison Stebbins, Phil Doyle, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Tour, annual Doors Open Lowell, a look inside 30 of Lowell's historic buildings (many normally not open to the public), free, schedules and tour routes available at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center; 978-275-1818, www.doorsopenlowell.org.

Artist reception, *New Works* by local artist Robert English, 5-7:30 p.m., Mingo Gallery & Custom Framing, 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5964, www.mingogallery.com.

Live music, David Mallet, \$10-\$12, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, Kern Powers with John Troy, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets: 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Saturday, May 10

Live music, Christine Lavin, \$17.

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Back-to-back weekends in the Park

Crafts in the Park takes place Saturday, rain or shine

By Ben Hellman

SOMETHING ABOUT SHAKER craftsmanship appeals to woodworker Brian Smith.

"I like the simple lines, the dovetail joints. They're strong," he said.

Cherry wood furniture - end tables, hall tables with one or two drawers - litters his home and Smith has made most of it.

He points out a particular table. The wood grain flows straight through the drawer and into the table front, he said, because he used one piece of wood to make the entire table.

Smith said rain has kept him away from Crafts in the Park for the past few years, but he's hoping for a sunny Saturday to show his handcrafted Shaker wares this week.

Surveying stock bound for the Park, Smith shows off his nesting oval boxes. Made with either a stain finish or a traditional milk-paint finish, the boxes fit within one another. "People almost refer to them as 'Shaker Tupperware' because the Shakers stored food in them," said Smith.

Smith plans to bring the oval boxes

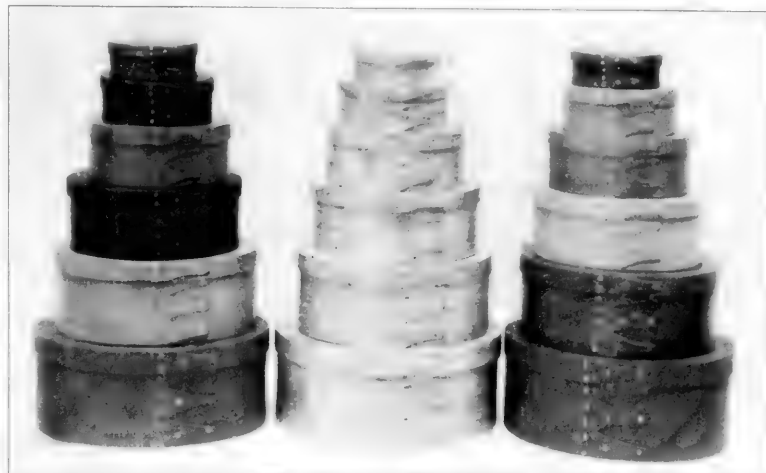
to the Park, along with replica Shaker clocks and his most popular item, the Shaker chip box. The chip boxes were originally used to store kindling, but Smith said people now buy them to hold magazines or dried flowers.

Smith is a part-time wood worker. He started taking his hobby seriously in the early 1990s. "I started selling things to justify tool expenses," he said.

Smith will bring his smaller wares to the Park on Saturday with a catalog. He said in 1999, when he last did the craft show, as many people called him afterwards as bought from him on the spot.

This year marks the 28th consecutive year for Andover Crafts in the Park, which will be held - rain or shine - Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Park, at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets in downtown Andover. Admission is free.

The event is always sponsored by Andover Field Service, a local group that oversees student exchange programs. Profits from the event are used to support the programs.



Woodworker Brian Smith (top right photo) is one of 14 local crafters taking part in Crafts in the Park this Saturday. He is holding a Shaker wall clock he made out of solid cherry wood. Above, Smith's nesting oval boxes, sometimes referred to as "Shaker Tupperware."

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28th year

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ClownTown rolls into the Park next weekend

Andona's carnival organizers hope for pleasant weather after last year's snow

The Andona Society will hold its annual ClownTown next weekend, Friday night May 16 from 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, May 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the park at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets.

Sunday, May 18 from noon to 5 is the rain date, in case of heavy rain or snow. Andona is hoping for seasonable weather this year and the opportunity to make up for its first-ever snowed out event on May 18, 2002.

Friday evening's activities are limited to carnival rides, sausage cart, fried dough, and cotton candy. For added fun this year, there will be a DJ for the first two hours.

Saturday will offer carnival rides, a DJ, games with an assortment of prizes, face painting, sand art, button making, spin art, photography, balloons, and Candyland.

The White Elephant Table will sell used toys, books, and housewares.

Throughout the day on Saturday there will a number of special attractions taking place near the bandstand. The Boston Sports Club will present their Kick Boxing Kids at 10:30 a.m. and Dance TV at 11.

At 11:30, storyteller Nicolette Heavey will host a storytelling



hour by the bridge. The Champion Factory will present children performing circus skills at noon.

Josie Walker's Confetti Kids will present two shows for all the family at 1 and 3 p.m., in Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School, while at 2 p.m., there will be a Reebok Core Training Demo by Gold's Gym.

Raffle tickets will also be sold, with the drawing held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza, sausages, cold drinks and slush will be sold throughout the day.

All proceeds will be used to benefit Andover's youth in a wide variety of civic, educational, athletic and cultural programs and activities.

Volunteers 12 and older are welcome at ClownTown. Call Lynn Blech at 978-409-1717 to help.

CLOWNTOWN

Friday, May 16

► 6 - 10 p.m.

Saturday, May 17

► 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

In the Park, Bartlet and Chestnut streets



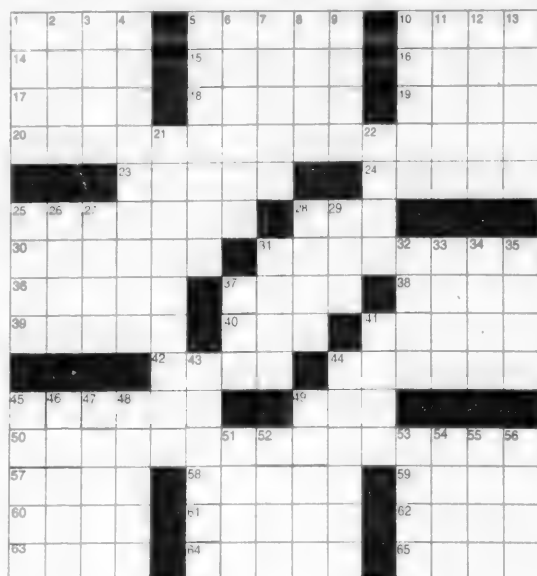
production includes Hodel, played by Briga Heelan, and Perchik, played by Garrett Rayner, both of Andover.

◀ Merrimack Junior Theatre will present *Fiddler on the Roof*, Friday, May 9 through Sunday, May 11 in Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School. The cast of MJT's spring

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Horse hair
5. Military quarters
10. In a way, develops
14. Old Irish alphabet
15. Concerning
16. Victim of ridicule or pranks
17. Swiss river
18. Ice candy (Brit. slang)
19. Body that defines computing protocols
20. Sweet mixed drink
23. Condemn
24. Cruises
25. Canceled
28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
30. Costing nothing
31. Strokes
36. Played
37. Forearm bone
38. Sea lettuce genus
39. Leather fabric
40. Tributary of the Mississippi River
41. Town in New York state
42. Dam!
44. Breeds
45. Preserve a dead body
49. Farrow, actress
50. Go for a drink
57. Blats
58. Ste. Marie
59. About aviation
60. Root of taro plant
61. Fill with high spirits
62. Bug killer



63. Extreme in degree or quality
64. A Spanish title of respect
65. Methaqualone pill (slang)

CLUES DOWN

1. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
2. A gelling agent in foods
3. Ancient Japanese reli-

- gious center
4. Edited
5. Flower layers
6. On base
7. Popular aquarium fish
8. Whine
9. Mythological river
10. Capital of Guam
11. South-Central Dravidian
12. Tripod

13. Stimulates
21. Unmistakably
22. Arthur __, tennis champion
25. Taunts
26. Wife (German)
27. Renown for a worthy reason
28. Monetary unit of South Africa
29. Macaws
31. Large Swift fly
32. Pelican genus
33. Veer
34. Welsh for John
35. Without (French)
37. A large vessel for making coffee or tea
41. Soft-finned fish
43. In a way, cheers
44. Baby
45. In a way, moved away
46. George Gordon __, Union general
47. Fan part
48. Stewart __, columnist
49. Much (Italian)
51. A wooden strip forming part of a fence
52. Sir in Asia
53. A British peer ranking
54. Ladies' man
55. Dry
56. Taunted

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doors open 7:15 p.m., show 8 p.m., Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover: 978-687-3960, or call 978-687-7948.

Crafts, Andover Crafts in the Park, free, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., amateur and professional crafts people; Sue Wahr 978-475-7210 andover-crafts@aol.com.

Bottle drive, Andover High School Marching Band bottle drive, returnable cans and bottles, West Middle School, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., proceeds benefit the marching band, pick up available call 978-470-0096.

Walk, Andover Community Paths Hoof It! Day: Leave Your Car Behind. The group is not having any specific event. This is just a call to walk, anywhere, on May 10, particularly. Walking all the time, organizers say, is better for people and the environment. The idea is to get people to forget about their car and to walk where they are going or at least part of the way. Some suggestions: stroll around your neighborhood, town, the Park; hike Harold Parker Park; climb, Holt Hill, tour Andover; Chris Young 978-475-9305, Chriswords@aol.com; Peggy Kruse 978-474-0176, arg14502@attbi.com.

Volunteer orientation, learn about Habitat for Humanity, join our next orientation, tour the neighborhoods

in which Habitat builds, meet other volunteers and homeowners, learn about volunteer opportunities and visit the worksite, 9-11 a.m., meet at 25 Bevel St., Lawrence, to reserve a spot call the Habitat office, 978-681-8858.

Live comedy, Kevin Knox, Harrison Stebbins, Phil Doyle, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Silent Auction, Art Scholarship Fundraiser, professional artists have donated work to bid on including Merry Beninato, Louise Henderson, Miriam Aubry (Andover artists), and Joan Rademacher, Judith Larmay, Robert Cory, Diane Maroun, Karen Fitzgerald, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Methuen High School, main lobby.

Mystery, Alderget UMC Mystery Dinner Drama presents *Murder on the Grill*, '50s costumes encouraged, 6 p.m., 235 Park St., North Reading, call for prices and reservations 978-664-2951.

Benefit, Wine and Food Tasting, to benefit the Ipswich River Park Development Fund, \$40 per person, 6:30-10 p.m., Thomas Country Club, Rt. 62, North Reading; 978-664-6016.

Opening reception, Con:StrucT:ures by Andrew Neumann, Brush Art Gallery, free, 2-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

Live music, Brooks Williams, \$10-\$12, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, Rick Yost, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets: 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Fiddler on the Roof, 7:30 p.m., see May 9 entry.

Performance, see May 9 entry.

Sunday, May 11

Film, Goddess Remembered, first film of the Women and Spirituality Trilogy by Donna Read, followed by discussion, free, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

Live music, Phillips Academy Music Department will present a senior recital featuring flutist Jeffrey Wessler performing works by Copland, Bizet, Bolling, and Gheoghan, free, 1 p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4263.

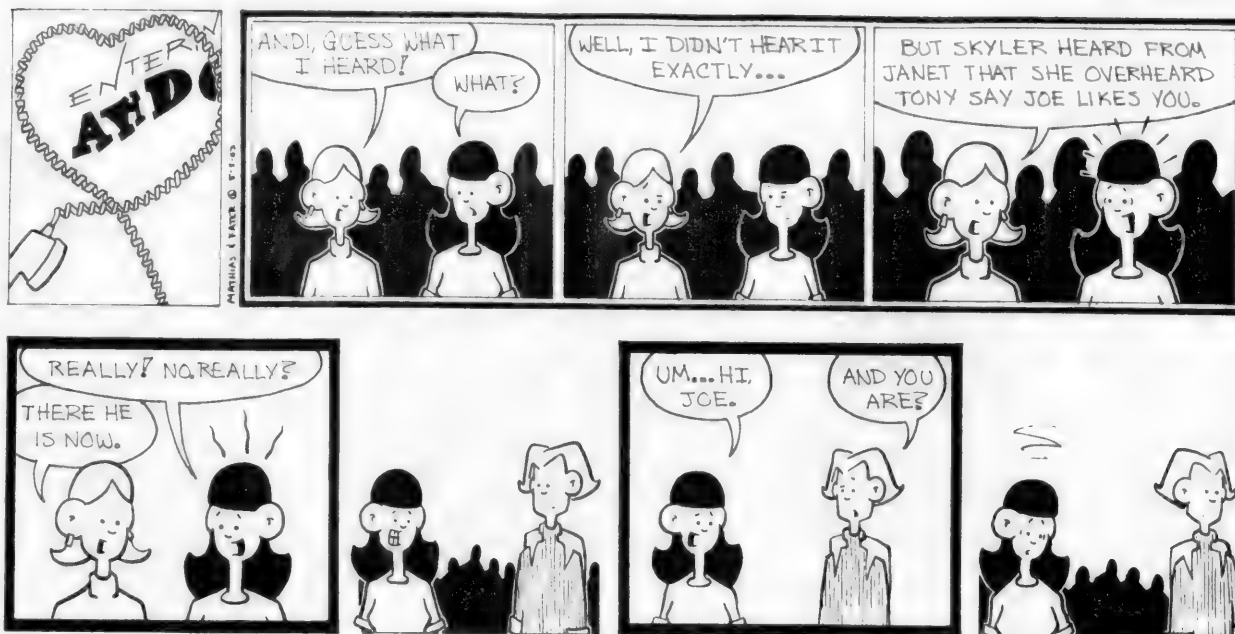
Live music, Phillips Academy Music Department will present a senior recital featuring composer and violist Andrew McManus performing works by Bach, Bruch, Bloch and Bartok, free, 4 p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4263.

Live music, the Fauré Requiem will

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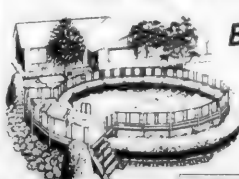


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be performed by choir and orchestra of strings, harp, horns and organ during morning worship service, with Fauré's anthem *Cantique de Jean Racine*, offering, 10:30 a.m., South Church, 41 Central St., 978-475-0321.

Live music, the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras' Repertory Orchestra will present an all Mozart and Gershwin concert. Andover High junior Athena Hsieh will play the violin, \$10, \$7 seniors and students, 7 p.m., Tsai Performance Center, Boston University, advance tickets available at 617-353-8725 or at the door.

Live music, Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet, 4:30-8:30 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammett St., Ipswich, reservations recommended; 978-356-7006.

Live music, John Renbourn and Jacqui McShee, \$15-\$17, 7:30 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Fiddler on the Roof, 2 p.m., see May 9 entry.

Monday, May 12

PAC Meeting, Andover High School 7 p.m., Peter Anderson will also give school update, AHS Media Center; 978-623-8600.

Golf benefit, Christ Church Children's Center annual Golf Tournament, \$125 per player, prizes, raffles, free childcare, breakfast and lunch included, 6:45 a.m., 100 percent of the proceeds benefit the Children's Center, Andover Country Club, to register call Susan Hughes 978-749-3635.

Book signing and talk, Biographer/writer Bill Nowlin will talk at the Tewksbury Public Library on his book *Ted Williams: The Pursuit of Perfection*, free, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St., Tewksbury; 978-640-4490.

Tuesday, May 13

Talk, AARP hosts author Barbara Mahoney, free, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-475-6698.

Book signing and talk, Biographer/writer Bill Nowlin will talk at the Flint Memorial Library on his book *Ted Williams: The Pursuit of Perfection*, free, 7 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

Supplies drive, Merrimack Valley Hospital will host a *Drive for Supplies* to benefit the Women's Resource Center of Lawrence and Haverhill, items needed: household, personal and hygiene; clothes for women, teen and children; toys and games (non-violent) 10 a.m.-2 p.m., auditorium at Merrimack Valley Hospital, 140 Lincoln Avenue, Haverhill, for more information on supplies needed call Diane Lavallo 978-521-8143.

Cancer screening, Dr. David Simkin and Dr. Seth Kates of Chelmsford

Dermatology will do skin cancer screening, free, 6-8 p.m., Saints Memorial Medical Center, Ambulatory Surgery Unit, One Hospital Drive, Lowell, registration required, call Diane 978-458-1411.

Wednesday, May 14

Talk, the Andover Senior Center presents Hot Topics in Women's Health with Judy Norisgianis executive director of *Our Bodies, Our Selves* co-founder of the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, \$10, noon, Old Town Hall, advance reservations only call the Senior Center, 978-623-8321.

Meeting, Florence Crittenton League is holding a general information meeting on adoption, free, 7 p.m., Florence Crittenton League, 119 Hall St., Lowell; 978-452-9671.

Meeting, the Civil War Roundtable of Merrimack, "The Big Guns—Siege, Seacoast, and Naval Cannon of the Civil War" free, 7:30 p.m., the Hilton Senior Center, 61 Lafayette Road, Salisbury, Tom 978-462-8518.

Supplies drive, see May 13 entry.

Thursday, May 15

Live music, Michael Troy with Eddie Dyer, \$8, 7:30 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Friday, May 16

ClownTown, sponsored by the Andona Society, featuring carnival rides, DJ, games, face painting, sand art, food, raffles, Candyland, white elephant table and special demonstrations for kids, 6-10 p.m., at the Park, Bartlet and Chestnut streets, for more information or to volunteer, call Lynn Blech at 978-409-1717.

Breakfast meeting, Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Series presents Thomas Finneran, speaker of the house, \$20 members, \$25 non-members, 7:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m., Indian Ridge Country Club, Lovejoy Road, 978-9686-0900.

Live music, the Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Academy Jazz Band and ensembles under the direction of Peter Cirelli, free, 7:30 p.m., Kemper Auditorium, 180 Main St., Phillips Academy; 978-749-4263, e-mail music@andover.edu.

Live comedy, DJ Hazard, Scott Carney, Mike O'Neil, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music and dance, celebration of Spring, *Maifest*, organist Carol Williams, the Brauhaus German Band will play for the German Dance Troupe, refreshments will be served, \$15-\$20, 8 p.m., Methuen Music Hall, Methuen, limited seating, reservations recommended, 603-474-0533.

Live music, Cliff Eberhardt, \$10-\$12, 7:30 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle

St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, Meg Rayne and Curtis Haynes, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Dance, Topsfield Town Library's spring concert presents *Saltarello*, an Italian dance dates from the 14th century, free, doors open 7 p.m., seating is limited, arrive early, show 7:30 p.m., Topsfield Town Library, 1 South Common St., Topsfield; 978-887-1528.

Saturday, May 17

Walk, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation annual 10K walk, nationally sponsored by American Airlines, North Andover walk begins at Town Common, registration is 9 a.m., walk begins 10 a.m., for more information on cystic fibrosis or to make a donation call 800-FIGHT CF or visit their Web site, www.cff.org.

Live music, Lynn Miles, \$15, 8 p.m., tickets at the door from 6:30 p.m. (advance tickets available at Andover Bookstore), doors open 7:30 p.m., New Moon Coffee House, Jct. Rts. 110 and 125, Universalist Unitarian Church, Haverhill; 978-373-9259, www.newmooncoffeehouse.org.

Live comedy, DJ Hazard, Scott Carney, Mike O'Neil, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music, Meghan Toohey, \$10-\$12, 7:30 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, High Range, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Artists reception, *A passion for Flowers*, free, 5-8 p.m., the Walsingham Gallery, 47 Merrimac St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411, www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

ClownTown, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., (Sunday May 18th, noon-5 p.m. is the rain date in case of heavy rain or snow), see May 16 entry.

Sunday, May 18

Film, *The Burning Times*, second film of the Women and Spirituality Trilogy by Donna Read, followed by discussion, free, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

Interfaith service, Archbishop Desmond Tutu will discuss international justice, music by the Academy Symphony Orchestra and the Phillips Academy Gospel Choir, free, 11 a.m., Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue, Phillips Academy.

Live music, the Andover Choral Society presents Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem*, Allen Combs, music director, \$12, First Calvary Baptist Church, North Andover, tickets at church door, 978-687-8825, www.andoverchoral.org.

Festival, the North Andover Festival Committee announces their annual Sheep Shearing Festival, live demonstrations of sheep herding and shearing, wool carding and weaving and more, free, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Old North Andover Common, Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover.



The Andover Choral Society will perform Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem*, under the direction of Allen Combs, on Sunday, May 18. Tickets are \$12, available through chorus members or at the church door. Check out www.andoverchoral.org, or call 978-687-8825.

Range of the Requiem

Andover Choral Society to perform

The Andover Choral Society will present Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem*, under the direction of Allen Combs, music director, on Sunday, May 18 at the First Calvary Baptist Church in North Andover, at 4 p.m.

The *Requiem* was written after the death of Brahms' mother. Drawing from a selection of biblical verses that he found comforting at the time of his loss, these words reveal a strong sense of emptiness of human life,

but as strong a confidence in the divine consolations. The *Requiem* expresses a whole range of human emotional feelings. "The lyrics have few equals in actual musical beauty," organizers said.

Two well recognized soloists, Kathryn Wright, soprano, and Sumner Thompson, baritone, and a full orchestra will accompany the singers.

This fall marks the Society's 74th year in Andover, one of the oldest, continuous choral groups in the Merri-

mack Valley. It was founded by Allen Combs, the great-grandfather of the Andover Choral Society.

"The chorus members are delighted to be bringing this especially beautiful music to the greater Andover community, where their roots run deep," organizers said.

Tickets are \$12, available through chorus members or at the church door.

Further information is available online at www.andoverchoral.org, or call 978-687-8825.

Live music, Bell Canto Singers perform Classical and Broadway favorites, \$5, 3:30 p.m., Old Town Hall, Chelmsford; 978-256-8306 or 978-256-0783.

Live music, Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet, 4:30-8:30 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammett St., Ipswich, reservations recommended; 978-356-7006.

Ongoing Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Miracle in the Scrap Heap: The Sculpture of Richard Stankiewicz: The Park Avenue Cubists: Gallatin, Morris, Frelinghuysen and Shaw; Jim Hodges: colorsound; and Conversations: A Collection in Dialogue*, through July 31, gallery hours Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015 www.addisongallery.org.

Andover Historical Society, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. Contemporary Andover Artist Series presents: Photographs of vintage cars by Steven B. Leed and Bernard J. Leed II; museum is open for tours Tuesday through Friday 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students \$3, 97 Main St.; Elaine C. Zopes 978-475-2236 www.andhist.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, fine-art photographer Alison Shaw, through May 11, gallery hours: Wednesday & Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St., Andover; 978-470-0013.

Town Manager's office, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.; 978-623-8200.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collec-

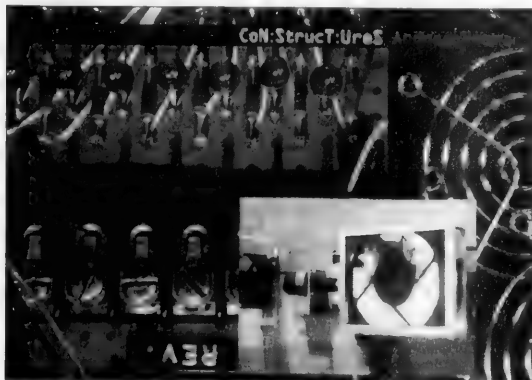
tions of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Essex Art Center, Main Gallery, I.D.: work by Jairo Cruz, Andre Hester, Leida Montañez, Elizabeth Beland Gallery, Taking Liberties, Gayle Caruso, Elaine Crivelli and Judith Larsen, Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

McCoy Gallery, Merrimack College, for hours 978-837-5000, EXT. 4205.

Brush Art Gallery, *CON:StrucT:Ures* by Andrew Neumann, through June 22, gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

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There will be an opening reception Saturday, May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. for the exhibit *CON:StrucT:Ures* by Andrew Neumann, which runs through June 22 at Brush Art Gallery. The gallery is located at 256 Market St., Lowell. Call 978-459-7819.

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Archbishop Tutu to discuss international justice at Phillips' interfaith service

ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU, recipient of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, will discuss "The Pursuit of International Justice" at a special interfaith service at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 18.



Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Working to bridge the chasm between black and white Anglicans in South Africa, Tutu was installed in 1985 as the first black Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg. A year later, he was elected the first black Archbishop of Cape Town, becoming the head of the Anglican Church in South Africa.

He was appointed by South African President Nelson Mandela to head the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 1995, which marked yet another significant step in the struggle for justice both in South Africa and the world. Currently chancellor of the University of the Western Cape and Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, Tutu is working on two books, one chronicling the work of the Truth and the Reconciliation Commission and the other, transfiguration.

His visit to Phillips Academy is supported by the school's Palitz Fund and Kemper Fund.

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Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art, Main Gallery through June 13, *Spirit of the Community: Photographs of Charles "Teenie" Harris*; Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158. www.griffinmuseum.org.

Revolving Museum, Wonders of the World (WOW) 4: Play-Land through July 27, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and First floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

McQuade Gallery, at Merrimack College (located in the McQuade Library), gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; closed weekends in January; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, All-Senior Exhibition, through May 23, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 978-623-8321.

Memorial Hall Library, Artist of the Month series features Fran

Nola, watercolors, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery, cooperative of 21 artists from the North Shore, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 60 Water St., Newburyport, 978-465-8769, www.newburyportart.org.

Churchill Gallery, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891.

Mingo Gallery, artist Robert English, through June 6, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5964.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

Arlington Center for the Arts, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington.

Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 136 State St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-431-4230.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Ayer Lofts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; 978-970-3556 info@ayerlofts.com.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, *The Art of the Theater*, through June 14, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Another Atmosphere, 120 Pleasant St., Newburyport; 978-462-8029.

Ocmulgee Pottery & Fine Crafts, Color Woodblock Prints by Matt Brown, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 26 Market St., Ipswich; 978-

356-1298.

Crescent Dragon Gallery, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; www.galleryoni.homestead.com/1.html.

Walsingham Gallery, *A Passion for Flowers*, through June 16, gallery hours: Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 47 Merrimac St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings, Pirate's Lane, Gloucester; 978-283-1857.

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.: Tour the Amos House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. Contemporary Andover Artists Series exhibition: Photographs of Steven B. Leed and Bernard J. Leed II. The Caroline Underhill Research Library and Archives is open by appointment. The museum is open for tours Tuesday through Friday, 1-4 p.m. \$5 admission, students \$3; call ahead for hours, 978-475-2236 or www.andhist.org.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors. Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, *Generations/Transformations*:

American Fiber Art, through July 20, 491 Dutton St., Lowell. Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible; 978-441-0400 or www.atm.org.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, *Wallflowers*, March 27-June 15, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 794-1655.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

Peabody Essex Museum, The Real Witchcraft Papers, ongoing; The Saltonstall Family Portraits, ongoing; A Folk Art Sampler, ongoing; Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem, Mass. 978-745-9500 www.pem.org.

Dracula's Castle, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange ghostly and unexplained events, \$6, \$4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711.

Theater

Man of La Mancha, through May 18, Fridays 8 p.m., Saturdays 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. \$25-\$35, Stoneham Theater, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, www.stonehamtheatre.org.

The Pavilion, through May 11, Merrimack Repertory Theater, 50 E.

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Mame, through May 18, Tuesday through Saturday 8 p.m., matinees Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays 2 p.m., \$26-\$63, North Shore Music Theater, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly; 978-232-7200, www.nsmat.org.

Little Women, Smulowitz Productions, May 3, through May 11, Saturdays and Sundays, \$12, 2 p.m., Amesbury's Rocky Hill Meeting House, 978-463-3348.

You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running, for mature audiences, May 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, \$10, 8 p.m., Georgetown Theater Workshop, 22 Pleasant St., Georgetown; 978-352-6367.

Meetings/Activities

Adult children of alcoholics discussion meeting, Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford; 978-251-3329 or 978-448-5002.

Alateen, ages 12 and older, for teenagers affected by someone else's drinking, 7-8 p.m., every Wednesday, downstairs, Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover, Dottie 978-851-7655.

Al-Anon, for adults, meets every Wednesday, 8-9:30 p.m., first floor, Christ Church, 29 Central St., 978-475-0529.

Al-Anon, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie 851-7655.

Al-Anon literature study group, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Little

ton; 978-256-9391 or 978-448-5002.

Al-Anon meeting, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Route 38, Tewksbury; Dottie 978-851-7655.

American Legion Andover Post 8, second Wednesday of the month, September to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988.

Andover Choral Society, we are especially open to new members in September and late January, auditions not required, chorus meets every Monday 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Cathy Bruton 978-687-8225.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Tennis Club, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, \$65 family membership, \$40 single membership, Phillips Academy, www.andovertennis.org.

BNI Business Network International, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna 978-640-8919, or Steve 978-975-1328.

The Haverhill Chapter Business Network International, Fridays 7-8:30 a.m., Best Western Hotel, 401 Lowell Avenue, Haverhill, 603-475-3503, www.bni-haverhill.org.

Choral Arts Society, for information and to audition call: Rick Seaman 603-382-5070 or Sheila Kanan 978-373-4990.

Stringmaker moves participants to dance

The *Stringmaker*, a professionally crafted, community based dance experience, accommodating a cast of 50 ranging in age from 5 to 100, will take place this weekend.

Performances will be held at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening, May 9 and 10 at the KGR building, 60 Island St. (next to the Essex Art Center), Lawrence.

There is no charge to attend.

The story is described by organizers Turning the Wheel Productions as "poetically inferred through gesture, color, texture and verse. The *Stringmaker* brings ancient images into play to reflect on our inner knowledge of the natural world as a source of hope. Woven with ideas

and inspiration of the participating community members, *The Stringmaker* has an original musical score composed by Jesse Manno, which Mike Vargas adds to and enhances with live music tailored to each city."

Turning the Wheel Productions organizers says it is extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to work with "two such amazing communities" - Andover and Lawrence. About one-third of the cast is from Andover.

"Central to our mission is the collaborative production of intergenerational dance/theater performance that is rooted in the restorative for the communities in which we perform and teach. Using extensive outreach programs to



Diane Grieco of Andover leads participants through the performance project.

youth and elders, and a working model that is based on inclusiveness, community engagement, and collaboration. Turning the Wheel seeks to reconnect both youth

and elders to their lives and society, and to be a contributing force in fostering healthy, creative communities nationwide."

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Andover project is co-directed by longtime Andover resident Diane Grieco, and Alana Shaw, artistic director of Turning the Wheel. Call Grieco at 978-475-8425.

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BRIEFS

Andover doctor, resident leads new breast-health program

Catherine Tucker has joined North Shore Medical Center to lead its new Breast Health Program.

Tucker, an Andover resident, has relocated her practice to Peabody and is also seeing patients at the NSMC Women's Center in Danvers. She is a board certified general surgeon specializing in breast surgery.

Tucker is a graduate of Tufts Medical School and completed her residency in general surgery at Tufts New England Medical Center.

She completed a fellowship in breast diseases at the Faulkner Breast Center/Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Her clinical interests and areas of expertise include breast health, breast cancer and other diseases of the breast. Tucker was instrumental in developing and bringing the sentinel lymph node biopsy procedure to a community hospital setting.

Tucker is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons. She is on the medical staffs of NSMC/Salem Hospital, NSMC/Union Hospital, Winchester Hospital, Brigham and Women's/Faulkner Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

North Shore Medical Center is a multi-site health system headquartered in Salem, Mass. and a member of Partners HealthCare, which was founded by Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital.



Catherine Tucker

Shea moves to Addison Travel

Shirley Shea is now associated with Addison Travel, 24 Chestnut St., Andover. She brings her 25 years of experience as a full-service travel consultant to Addison, where she will be working closely with Tom Keefe, president of Addison Travel, and the other staff members.



Shirley Shea

Shea has just completed the Caribbean Destination Specialist course work which has extended her knowledge of the resort areas of the various islands. She is currently serving on the executive board of the New England chapter of the Caribbean Tourist Organization, and is a certified Sandals/Beaches specialist.

Shea has also completed the course work for the Hawaii Destination Specialist certification. "Her extensive experience in planning trips throughout the US and Europe is complemented by the experience of the other agents at Addison, who are also Hawaii and European Destination Specialists," according to a company release.

Sales associates receive awards

Rick Loughlin, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Southern and Central New England, presented Andover residents in the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage North Andover office, with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Sterling Society award.

Awards went to Margaret O'Connor, Joan Johnson, Valerie Roberts, E.J. Perdigao, Cheryl Foster, Carla Burns and Arlene Santangelo.

The award recognizes those sales associates for their listing and selling excellence in 2002.

They received their award during the 2002 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Awards Celebration that was held at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston and attended by more than 1,000 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage sales associates, managers and staff.

Andover's Woodard & Curran promotes new project manager

Ronald St. Michel, an employee at the Andover office of Woodard & Curran, has been promoted to project manager. He has more than 10 years of experience working on landfill monitoring and design projects and storm-water planning projects.

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Ronald St. Michel

In September, time for a new cup of Java

Dunkin' Donuts will move; new shop, Ultimate Perk, to serve Main Street

By Andrea Gregory

It was the battle of the coffee shops last week in Salem Court, but the competition wasn't about who can brew a better pot.

Instead Frank Pino, owner of Dunkin' Donuts on Main Street, was challenging a March notice from his landlord at 96½ Main St., James Hadad, that the Dunkin' Donuts there needed to move by the end of April.

The parties agreed out of court that Dunkin' Donuts will stay in the current location until the end of summer, Sept. 15, and then vacate. At that time it is expected Hadad's son James Hadad II will open his own coffee shop, Ultimate Perk, at the location.

Pino, who runs all of the Dunkin' Donuts shops in town, says the notice saying his lease was ending had come as a surprise. He had spent \$150,000 on remodeling so he could sign a 20-year franchise agreement with Dunkin' Donuts.

But Hadad's son, James Hadad II, had plans of his own for 96½ Main St. He had been brewing plans to open his coffee shop, Ultimate Perk. At this point, the victualer license has been obtained, the logo is designed and a color scheme has been selected.

The Hadad family did not wish to comment on the agreement this week.

Pino says he filed a motion for injunction on April 25, just days before he was supposed to be out, to buy himself more time at his current location. He and his landlord were prepared to face each

other in court on April 29, the day before Pino was scheduled to move out.

According to Pino, there was no actual ruling on the case and an agreement was reached on the advice of the judge.

"The judge thought it was a good idea to work things out and suggested we step out of the court room," says Pino. "It took some negotiations on both sides but we came to an agreement."

Pino says Dunkin' Donuts will

vacate the high-traffic storefront at the corner of Main and Punchard streets by the agreed upon Sept. 15 date.

But having the summer to find a new place, he says "takes a little pressure off."

Pino is trying to avoid any gap in service between when the current downtown Dunkin' Donuts location closes and when the shop reopens at a new location. But he says he still doesn't know if he'll be able to avoid closing that one shop temporarily. Once he finds a new downtown location, the site and any needed renovations of it will still need to be approved by town departments and Dunkin' Donuts, he says.

"Their preference right now is that I stay on Main Street," says Pino. "We're actively pursuing another site on Main Street, hoping in the next couple of weeks to put something together."



The pot thickens - By Sept. 15, Store Manager Doreen Coppola and the Dunkin' Donuts on Main Street will need to move to a new location to make way for another coffee shop.



The Main Street site.

New chief, new military times for Raytheon

Adaptive CEO Swanson: 'We don't revolve around the Patriot anymore'

By Andy Murray

Raytheon Co.'s next chief executive believes in hard work, company loyalty and tax relief for Massachusetts corporations.

But if workers believe William H. Swanson, a former plant manager in Andover, will look more kindly on Raytheon's operations in Andover simply because he worked there, then they don't know him very well.

"I know about Andover; I know the capability of the people working there," Swanson said. "Those people should feel good because I deeply care about them. At the same time, the Andover plant and (its unit) has a job to do."

Swanson, a 31-year Raytheon employee who rose through the ranks and will become the company's next CEO on July 1, put both his unvarnished style and his vivid corporate colors on display in a recent interview.

The combination helps explain both the demands Swanson puts on his employees and his quest for continued tax help for Massachusetts companies, including Raytheon.

"It's the way I am. I have a 35-year marriage and a 31-year career with Raytheon. What you get (with me) is a commitment you can take to the bank," said Swanson.

A California native, Swanson, 54, joined Raytheon in 1972 after graduating from California Polytechnic State University. Currently Raytheon's president, Swanson has held a wide range of positions during his tenure, including chairman and chief executive officer of the Raytheon Systems Company and

general manager of its Missile Systems Division. A North Andover resident during the 1990s, Swanson says he still shops at Kaps Menswear in Andover. He and his wife, Cheryl, live in Boston.

While plant manager in Andover, Swanson oversaw the manufacture of the first Patriot missile system, which was used in the Gulf War. In 1991, he shared a stage with former President George H.W. Bush, who had come to thank the thousands of Raytheon workers who helped build the system.

His willingness to back Raytheon in any fight is part of the reason Swanson, a respected "operations" guy, was chosen to guide Raytheon. His nomination at the company's annual shareholders meeting April 23 met with the approval of retirees and engineers, who saw his appointment as the selection of an internal leader, as opposed to past CEO Daniel P. Burnham, who was hired from AlliedSignal Corp. in 1998.

As chief executive officer, Swanson will earn 33 percent less than his predecessor. This year, he will receive an annual \$925,000 salary and be eligible for a performance bonus of up to \$1.4 million.

Though he came through the ranks, Swanson said he is a hands-off manager who will let executives in charge of the company's businesses run their own shops.

"I really look to the business presidents to run those businesses," he said. "We are not a centralized organization. We're diverse, and I'm the enabler. I'm the spark plug that

makes it all work."

Raytheon is the nation's fourth-largest defense contractor, employing more than 76,000 workers worldwide, including about 3,000 Andover and 1,000 Tewksbury workers. The company struggled lately, posting multimillion-dollar losses and losing hundreds of local jobs.

But Swanson, a one-time engineer, is heartened by the company's splashy performance during the recent war with Iraq, in which Raytheon weapons, like the precision-guided Tomahawk cruise missile, played central roles.

Three of the company's four defense units - missile defense, precision engagement and intelligence and surveillance - were reaffirmed by the course the war took.

With the military poised to become a smaller, faster and more lethal fighting machine, Swanson believes Raytheon is ready to snap out of its slump.

"We have a portfolio that covers the waterfront. If someone seeks something we don't have, I think we have a technology base and resources in the company to adjust," he said.

For Andover, which has lost jobs as the Patriot project has been phased out, more work could fall to the people who assemble circuit cards and components for Raytheon's radar systems.

"We have a problem here in Massachusetts," he said. "We think of the company as the Patriot. We don't revolve around the Patriot anymore."

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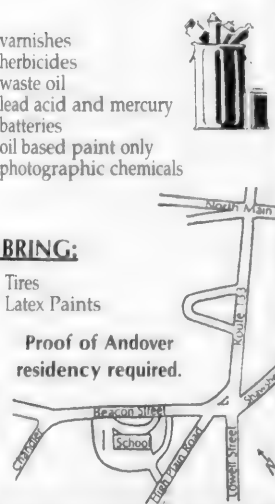
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Education

Revenue plan to wait Officials focus attention on superintendency

New School Committee members Tony James and Art Barber have postponed presenting their plan for increasing school money until the end of the month. Barber and James had anticipated being ready to unveil their plan at this week's School Committee meeting.

Barber said Tuesday he and James had met that day to work on the plan, which involves grant money.

"We spent the better part of today working," said Barber. "We're both very excited. I think we're going to make a lot of people happy."

Barber and James announced Tuesday night that their presentation would be ready for late May or early June. Member Christopher Smith said other plans, including the revenue discussion, had been pushed aside for discussions regarding Superintendent Claudia Bach's candidacy in Cambridge (see story, page 1.) Bach is a finalist for the position.

Ben Hellman

Schools eye all-day K as cash cow

Administration suggests revisiting 'generous sliding scale' for 2004-05

By Meir Rinde

Parents of 202 children have signed up for paid, all-day kindergarten classes this fall, which will earn the cash-strapped Andover schools a small profit but could have brought in even more money, administrators and School Committee members said.

The School District expects to take in \$1.2 million from the program and spend \$905,057 on pay for all-day teachers, assistants, and supplies, Business Administrator Bernie Tuttle said Tuesday.

Of the nearly \$260,000 remaining, \$202,732 will go to pay salaries for half-day kindergarten teachers and \$56,233 will go to other parts of the school budget.

Earlier versions of the school budget said the district would earn \$50,000 from the expanded all-day program.

The district could have netted a higher profit if all parents were paying the standard \$3,500 fee per child, Superintendent Claudia Bach said. "This is not a huge moneymaker because we have a generous sliding scale, which we may want to revisit next year," she said.

During the 2003-2004 school year, nine children will attend for free, 24 will be charged \$450 and three will pay \$900.

"I'm not comfortable with the amount we're 'forgiving,' so to speak," said Tuttle, who reviews applications for fee waivers.



Above, Beth Puleo teaches a song to a morning kindergarten class at Shawsheen School. The Andover system might reconsider the financial breaks it gives to allow some people to send their kids to all-day kindergarten.

School districts may not charge fees for half-day kindergarten, which is mandated by the state. Some parents send their children to day-care providers after school and other children go home.

The district started a pilot all-day program at Shawsheen School in 2001, and last year expanded it to one program at each of the five elementary schools, with about 100 total students. Parents responded enthusiastically and teachers

appreciated having more time for instruction, Bach said.

"They compete to teach it," she said. "Our half-day program is so short, and when they fit in (physical education) and everything else the teachers are very frustrated."

The current year's program was not intended to make a profit, but next year's was specifically designed to slightly soften the blow of deep budget cuts that

will force the schools to cut 33 teachers and 20 other positions in the fall.

Parents received packets about the all-day program when they registered their kindergarteners for school this spring.

The enrollments so far are Bancroft Elementary School, 31 children; High Plain, 46; Sanborn, 32; Shawsheen, 38; South, 40; and West Elementary, 20.

All the schools will have two classes except West, which will have one. The figures could still rise over the summer as new families move into town or more current residents decide to enroll their children, Bach said.

At last night's School Committee meeting, member Art Barber, who has argued the district should operate more like a business, said the district should make sure that parent teacher organizations and principals have a uniform sales pitch for parents.

"Maybe those individuals could present a more forceful case," he said.

The numbers will also change as the district tries to move six students from High Plain, which would otherwise have 23 students per teacher, to Bancroft, Sanborn and Shawsheen, where the expected student ratios vary from 15.5 to 17 per teacher.

Parents whose children are presently assigned to High Plain will be asked to make the switch voluntarily, Tuttle said. If that does not work, the district may choose six children by lottery.



Megan Pettoruto shows part of her sixth-grade team her book with the poem Appletown, which she wrote during West Middle School's annual celebration of Poetry Month. Below, Sam Dempsey shows part of his team his poem about elevators.



Julia Mell (left) and Katlyne Bunick receive "poetry points" from teacher Walter Rossini for having a poem in their pockets during the West Middle School Poetry Festival.

POETRY MONTH AT WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sounds of a poetry 'slam'

West Middle students caught in the hallway by teachers this month will need more than a half-pass to please them. They'll need to recite a memorized poem on the spot.

Such hallway recitals are part of West Middle's annual celebration of Poetry Month.

Specifically, the hallway readings are part of an educa-

tional effort dubbed "poetry in a pocket." Students carry a poem in their pocket and receive points for being able to recite it if stopped by a teacher. The points can be redeemed for small prizes, said English teacher James Redmond.

Redmond's sixth-grade class also have to choose a poet, and four of his or her poems

and write a poem in the style of their poet. No two students can have the same poet.

The poetry proceedings also included a poetry slam in the library, Redmond said. Shakespeare, Louis Carroll and haiku poetry were represented. "We're very happy with our poetry slam," said Redmond.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Tournament berths ripe for plucking

AHS varsity teams are busy qualifying for the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High girls tennis, boys volleyball and girls lacrosse teams highlighted recent action by qualifying for the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament.

Boys tennis and softball are also closing in on berths, while the baseball and boys lacrosse teams will have to pick up the pace a bit to see some tournament time later this month and in early June.

Girls lacrosse standout Diana Crawford achieved a personal and school-record milestone, becoming the first AHS player to score 100 career goals when she shook a brief slump by piling up seven points in a 14-7 romp over Danvers.

The AHS boys tennis team registered an historic victory earlier this week, beating multi-time former State Division 1 champ St. John's Prep of Danvers for the first time ever, 3-2.

Through action Tuesday the girls tennis and girls lacrosse teams were both perfect at 11-0, while boys volleyball is 10-3 and both track teams are undefeated in the conference and 3-1 overall.

GIRLS LACROSSE

The Andover High girls lacrosse team continues to meet, greet and beat all comers, improving to 11-0 overall and 7-0 in North League play with recent wins over league foes Beverly (7-6), Danvers (14-7), North Andover (5-4) and Tyngsboro (14-5).

The slender victories over Beverly and North Andover also boosted the Lady Warriors to 3-0 in one-goal games (11-10 over Duxbury). In its bid to defend the North League championship won last spring, Reigning league champ Andover is in a tight four-way struggle for first place with Masconomet Regional of Topsfield, Marblehead and Beverly.

"Being undefeated and the defending league champ — we have a bull's-eye on our back," said head coach Ryan Polley. "Every opponent is gunning for us and they all play very hard against us."

"Beating Duxbury earlier this season was a huge win for us. We are now every other team's Duxbury."

Andover has outscored the opposition by a healthy 124-57 margin overall.

Schedule

AHS plays at Marblehead today (4 p.m.) and travels to Lowell next Tuesday (4 p.m.).

Two games postponed earlier this month have been rescheduled.

AHS will play at Gloucester next Monday at 4 p.m. and host Masconomet Regional of Topsfield on May 19 at 3:45 p.m.

Scoring leaders

Amanda Gallant is the top Andover scorer after 11 games with 27 goals and 12 assists, while Diana Crawford has 24 goals and nine assists.

Demorie Crawford had 16 goals, 15 assists, Jeannie Lothrop 15 goals, 11 assists and Grace Farnham 14 goals, six assists.



Dianna Crawford receives congratulations from Coach Ryan Polley for scoring her 100th career lacrosse goal for the AHS girls lacrosse team in last Thursday's win over Danvers. Crawford, a senior, will attend Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., in the fall.

No. 1 goaltender Jennie Williams stopped 112 of the first 162 shots she faced.

Andover 14 Tyngsboro 5

Diana Crawford pumped in four goals to power the attack, as the locals pounded out to a commanding 8-2 halftime lead and went on for the convincing victory.

Grace Farnham, back at 100 percent, added a hat trick and one assist while Demorie Crawford pocketed two goals and set up another.

Producing a goal each were Amanda Gallant, junior center Ali McCoy, Meghan Toland, junior attack wing Stephanie Sweeney and Jacqui Munro.

Capt. Katie Stewart, sophomore third home Maggie Lamond and Toland passed out two assists each, while other setups were distributed by Gallant and Munro.

Jennie Williams played the first half in net and Lauren Barber the second, both making three saves.

Amy McGee had a big game for Tyngsboro, figuring in all the scoring with four goals and one assist.

"It was good to see Grace (Farnham) gaining back her aggressiveness," said coach Polley. "She played very well."

Andover 5 North Andover 4

Diana Crawford and Amanda Gallant accounted for all the offense as the Lady Warriors preserved their perfect record with this close win over their upset-minded neighbors.

The game was played under the lights at Lovely Field before a good-sized crowd.

Crawford pocketed a hat trick and Gallant added two goals, while single assists went to Diana Crawford, Gallant and Jeannie Lothrop.

Goalie Jennie Williams halted 11 of 15 shots for the locals, who were locked in a 2-2 halftime tie.

The Lady Warriors trailed 4-3 with just over four minutes left in the game.

Gallant tied it with her second goal, and with 2:12 to play she set up Crawford for the game-winner.

"Amanda passed Diana the ball from behind the net and she quick-sticked it past their goalie," said coach Polley.

Williams then saved the win by stopping a North Andover penalty shot in the final minute.

"North Andover played a very strong game," said Polley. "We played well but didn't bring our 'A' game."

"The most encouraging thing is we were down the whole time and still found a way to win it in the final four minutes. Our girls showed a lot of heart and resiliency."

Polley lauded the defensive play of All-League senior cover point Laura Denison.

Andover 7 Beverly 6

Amanda Gallant scored her fourth and final goal of the game on a free possession, with 44 seconds left in regulation, as the Lady Warriors pulled out the taut victory at the Doherty Middle School field.

It was the first time this spring the locals were held under 10 goals.

It was also the third consecutive one-goal game against Beverly, as these two split a pair of 9-8 decisions last year.

"We didn't play particularly well but we were tough at the end — when it counted most," said coach Polley. "When you can beat a tough opponent without playing your best it's actually a nice win."

Adding single goals for AHS were Demorie Crawford, Jeannie Lothrop and junior center Ali McCoy.

Demorie Crawford also had two assists and Lothrop one.

Goalie Jennie Williams played the entire game and made nine saves, while Lindsay Mann contributed a strong all-around performance.

Andover 14 Danvers 7

Amanda Gallant and sophomore third home Maggie Lamond pumped in four goals each, while Diana Crawford piled up seven points with three goals and four assists, as the locals rolled to the victory at Danvers.

It was a single-game career high for Lamond, and Crawford numbered her 100th career goal among the three she pocketed.

"We played well, especially in the first half



Jacqui Munro heads to the net against defenseless Tyngsboro on Tuesday.

(10-2 lead)," said coach Polley. "We passed much better than we had the previous game against Beverly. It showed in all the assists (10 on 14 goals). We made the extra pass to set up a lot of the goals."

"The second half was sloppy — but we were running reserves in and out and lost some continuity," said Polley.

The host Falcons outscored Andover 5-4 after the break.

Jeannie Lothrop, Adrienne Shea and Katie Stewart notched a goal each while Lothrop, Demorie Crawford, Laura Denison, Jacqui Munro and Meghan Toland contributed one assist apiece.

Jennie Williams played the first half in net and stopped five of seven shots. Lauren Barber was in goal for the second half and chalked up six saves.

All-League attack wing Grace Farnham was ill and missed the game.

BOYS LACROSSE

AHS plays at Chelmsford High tonight (7 p.m.), has a makeup game at Lincoln-Sudbury next Monday (4 p.m.) and hosts non-league Hopkinton next Thursday under the lights at Lovely Field (7 p.m.).

Concord-Carlisle 7 Andover 2

The Patriots held Andover off the board until there were four minutes left in the Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Alliance game played at the Shawsheen field.

Scott McNeff scored a hat trick for Concord-Carlisle (8-4), while single goals were added by Matt Ward (two assists), Greg Roberts, Mark MacIsaac and John Stone.

C-C swept the season series, having defeated Andover 12-9 in their earlier meeting.

BASEBALL

The Andover High varsity baseball team's Division 1 North Tournament chances took a severe hit this past week following consecutive losses to Methuen (12-7), Lowell (6-3), non-league North Andover (3-1) and Central Catholic (5-3).

While the young Golden Warriors (three seniors, 17 underclassmen) continue to play well, the close losses are killing them.

Coach Ken Maglio's crew entered yesterday's game against Chelmsford in the throes of a four-game losing streak, and they have also dropped six of the last seven to fall to 5-9 overall and 2-6 in Merrimack Valley Conference play.

AHS must win six of its last eight games to qualify for the MIAA tourney.

Schedule

The rematch with Chelmsford was yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, while Andover battles Lawrence tomorrow at Mark Devlin Field (3:30).

MVC play concludes next week with games Monday night at Methuen (7 p.m.), Wednesday at home versus Lowell (3:30 p.m.) and Thursday night at Haverhill (7 p.m.).

Stat Leaders

Through the first 14 games of the season, freshman Paul Malaguti was the leading AHS hitter with a sizzling .432 average on 16-for-37.

Brian Buckley was next at .364 on 16-for-44, Joel Keefe .302 on 13-for-43, Matt Hogan .300 on 12-for-40, and Ryan Shepard .297 on 11-for-37.

Lowell 6 Andover 3

The Golden Warriors battled back from an early 3-0 deficit, tying the game in the top of the fifth before host Lowell scored three runs in the bottom of the inning.

The Red Raiders jumped on AHS starter Pat Bateson for three runs in the top of the first, Jeison King lacing an RBI single and Pat Donovan clubbing a two-run double.

Andover got a run back in the second when Matt Hogan singled, stole second, took third on a wild pitch and crossed on Ryan Shepard's single.

While Bateson settled down nicely and kept Lowell off the board, the locals tied it 3-3 on Joel Keefe's two-run single in the fifth.

Run-scoring singles by Donovan and Jim McNeil highlighted the LHS fifth, and then Lowell reliever Donovan blanked Andover on two hits over the final 2 1/3 innings.

Keefe laced two singles for the Golden Warriors while Jarrett Mackin, Brian Buckley, Hogan and Shepard added a safety each.

Buckley and Paul Malaguti scored a run each, and Jon Shaw pitched well in relief after Bateson left with one out in the fifth.

Methuen 12 Andover 7

AHS was hoping for an upset as juggernaut Methuen entered the game with an 8-1 record.

But the Rangers scored five runs in the first two innings, and built a 12-1 lead before Andover made it more interesting with three runs in the sixth and three more in the bottom of the seventh at Peter Aumais Park.

Ryan Shepard had a career day for the Golden Warriors, sparking a season-high 14-hit attack with a perfect 4-for-4 afternoon at the plate. He scored two runs and drove in a pair.

Paul Skinner contributed three hits and scored twice, while Jarrett Mackin batted lead-off and smacked a pair of safeties.

Adding a hit each for the locals were Paul Malaguti (RBI), Brian Buckley, Matt Iorio (RBI), Matt Hennessy (RBI) and starting pitcher Matt Hogan (two runs scored).

Ryan Mustapha lashed three hits, including an RBI double, while winning pitcher Evan Tardugno (4-1) contributed a pair of safeties for Methuen.

Central Catholic 5 Andover 3

The Raiders, beaten by AHS 7-3 earlier this

season, were clinging to a 1-0 lead before batting around and scoring four runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Andover caused some anxious moments in the seventh, striking for all three of its runs and leaving the tying runs aboard.

With one out in the seventh, Paul Skinner was hit by a pitch and singles by Chris Vining and Anthony Perry loaded the bases.

Singles by Paul Malaguti and Brian Buckley chased home the first two runs, and Perry crossed on a fielder's choice grounder by Joel Keefe.

The next batter fanned to end the comeback and the game.

Central ace Mike Crane had carried a two-hit shutout into the seventh.

Buckley finished the game 2-for-2 and Ryan Shepard had a second-inning single.

Jon Shaw pitched the first 5 2/3 innings for AHS, allowing five hits and walking two.

Two costly errors made all five CCHS runs unearned.

North Andover 3 Andover 1

The high-flying Scarlet Knights (10-2) scored twice in the top of the first and added an insurance run in the fifth on the way to the non-league triumph at Peter Aumais Park.

The Golden Warriors tallied their lone run in the bottom of the first. After the first two batters struck out, consecutive walks to Brian Buckley, Joel Keefe and Matt Hogan loaded the bases before Buckley raced across on a wild pitch.

Andover had two singles and a double in the second inning — but did not score — and had three runners aboard in the sixth without getting anyone across.

Adam Perry led the six-hit attack with 2-for-2, while solo safeties were contributed by lead-off batter Jarrett Mackin (double), Ryan Shepard, Hogan and Paul Malaguti.

Junior Kyle Ahern fired a complete-game five-hitter, fanning seven and walking two as the tough-luck losing pitcher.

SOFTBALL

The Andover High girls varsity softball team split a pair of recent Merrimack Valley Conference games, romping past Dracut 10-1 and dropping a 9-5 decision to visiting Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro.

The Lady Warriors also picked up a 1-0 forfeit win over non-league foe Nazareth Academy of Wakefield.

Those results left coach Steph Ragucci's team at 6-4 overall and 4-2 in conference play, needing four victories in its final 10 games to qualify for the Division 1 North Tournament.

Schedule

Andover traveled to face perennial power Chelmsford (7-2, 5-1 MVC) last night, after *Townsmen* presstime, and tomorrow afternoon the Lady Warriors host Methuen (3:30 p.m.).

Next Monday night AHS plays Central Catholic under the lights at Merrimack College (7 p.m.) and Thursday the locals host Dracut (3:30 p.m.).

The annual four-team Methuen Invitational Tournament is next Saturday and Sunday. Andover plays Lawrence in the semifinals on Saturday, and Sunday will face either North Andover or host Methuen.

Andover 10 Dracut 1

The Lady Warriors' fourth straight win was a breeze, as they rolled into Dracut and quickly showed the Middies who was boss with five second-inning runs.

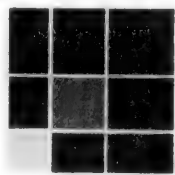
Sophomore pitcher Caitlin Carpenter (3-1) was at the top of her game, carrying a no-hitter into the seventh and finishing with a complete-game one-hitter, 10 strikeouts and one walk.

"It's the best I've seen Caitlin pitch," said Ragucci. "She was ahead on the count all day and she was hitting her spots."

"We played our second straight error-free game and took advantage of some poor fielding by Dracut."

Meagan Merinder launched the five-run second by reaching on an error and promptly stealing second base. Liz Pallotta ripped an RBI single to center and stole second. She moved to third on Carpenter's single and scored on the first of three bunt singles by lightning-fast Lind-

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SOFTBALL

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sey Timko.

Capt. Jackie Collins walked to load the bases, Emily Farmer walked to force home a run, and when Kerrie Dargan's grounder was misplayed two more runs crossed for a 5-0 lead.

In the third Lauren Vieira singled, advanced on a passed ball and scored when Carpenter's grounder was booted.

Vieira drew a one-out walk in the fifth, moved to third on a fielder's choice and error, and scored on another bunt single by flash Timko.

The lead jumped to 8-0 in the sixth. Collins ripped a long double over the leftfielder's head and scored after consecutive infield groundouts by Farmer and Dargan (RBI).

In the seventh pinch-hitter Carolyn Ciampa walked, Timko beat out her third bunt, and Capt. Jess Leider followed suit with a bunt single to load the bases.

Collins smacked an RBI single and Farmer capped the attack with a sacrifice fly.

Dracut broke up Carpenter's no-hitter and shutout in the bottom of the seventh, as Lauren Walsh walked and Jen Cole lashed an RBI triple down the left field line.

Timko finished with three hits, while Pallotta and Collins contributed two safeties each.

Leftfielder Merinder led the defensive effort with an outstanding diving catch in the first inning.

Notre Dame Academy 9
Andover 5

The Lady Warriors had 2-1 and 5-4 leads before NDA rallied for two runs in the sixth and three in the seventh to pull out the victory.

Trailing 1-0 in the third, AHS scored twice after the first two batters were retired.

Capt. Jess Leider reached on an error, stole second and scored when Capt. Jackie Collins' outfield fly was misplayed. Collins scored the go-ahead run on singles by Emily Farmer and Kerrie Dargan (RBI).

After the Lancers scored three runs in the top of the fourth to re-take the lead, Andover tallied its final three in the home half.

Lauren Vieira singled, Liz Pallotta reached on an error sending Vieira to third, and Pallotta stole second.

Lindsey Timko laid down a bunt, and as Vieira broke for home she was caught in a rundown. She escaped the pickle, however, scoring after eluding the NDA fielders who exchanged six throws.

Pallotta ended up on third, Timko took second and both scored on a passed ball that the catcher had trouble tracking down.

Notre Dame pitcher Jacki Kinsman belted a pair of homers (three RBI) and Laura Parquette added one roundtripper (two RBI) for the winners, who finished the game with 11 hits.

The Lady Warriors laced four safeties including a single by pitcher Caitlin Carpenter (3-2 record).

"It wasn't a spectacular outing for us," admitted coach Ragucci. "They bunted our brains out, took advantage of our mistakes and executed better than we did."

"On the plus side, we kept coming back at them after we fell behind."

Andover 5
Lawrence 4

The Lady Warriors spotted Lawrence a 4-0 lead after a four-run second inning, and then chipped away with a run in the third, two in the fourth and one in both the sixth and seventh for the comeback victory.

Senior Missy Berger chalked up her first varsity pitching win, tossing a route-going six-hitter and fanning six in her starting debut.

The winning run in the seventh came when Carolyn Ciampa belted a leadoff

double, and pinchrunner Lindsey Timko scored on a throwing error after Jess Leider laid down a sacrifice bunt.

Emily Farmer and Lauren Vieira each drilled a triple and Kerrie Dargan hammered a double.

Jackie Collins was a defensive standout at second base as she handled seven chances (seven assists) flawlessly.

Andover 3

North Andover 1

Junior Hallee Hart (1-2) pitched a strong complete-game three-hitter as the Lady Warriors won the non-leaguer.

She struck out two, walked only one and lost the shutout bid in the top of the seventh when the Scarlet Knights scored their lone run.

AHS pushed across its first run in the opening inning on an RBI single by Kerrie Dargan.

The winners added two more in the third, after Hart reached on an error and Jackie Collins drew a one-out walk. Emily Farmer spanked a single and a two-base error accounted for the scoring.

Dargan, Farmer and Collins laced a single each as Andover managed only three hits.

Defensive standouts were shortstop Liz Pallotta, with eight assists, and first baseman Farmer who made 16 putouts.

"There were only two strikeouts," said Ragucci. "North Andover hit the ball and our girls made all the plays behind Hallee."

Andover 1

Nazareth Academy 0

AHS accepted the forfeit win after traveling to Wakefield and waiting a long time for umpires that never showed up.

"We would have liked to re-schedule but there just isn't any time," said coach Ragucci. "We already have two other makeup (North Reading, Notre Dame Academy) to squeeze in before the (MIAA tourney) cutoff date."

The day was not a total loss, however, as the Lady Warriors and Nazareth stayed around for a four-inning scrimmage.

GIRLS TENNIS

The Andover High girls tennis team extended its incredible string of consecutive Merrimack Valley Conference wins to 212 with recent 5-0 whitewashes of Haverhill, Billerica, Lawrence and Tewksbury.

The victory over Lawrence clinched the Division 1 North Tournament berth for the Lady Warriors, riding high atop the conference standings with an 11-0 overall record.

Schedule

Andover played at Haverhill yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, and tomorrow afternoon Methuen comes to town.

Next week AHS can clinch its 14th straight MVC title as it plays at Central Catholic on Monday, at Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro on Wednesday and home versus Chelmsford on Friday (all matches 3:30 p.m.).

The annual single-elimination MIAA North Sectional Singles and Doubles Championships are scheduled for several sites this weekend. Andover is expected to play at Wayland High.

Those who survive early-round play in Saturday and Sunday matches will advance to North semifinal and championship matches next weekend.

The State finals, bringing together champs from the North, South, Central and Western Mass. Sectionals, will be played at the Longwood Cricket Club in Brookline in mid-June.

Andover 5

Tewksbury 0

Marsha Mogilevich defeated Katie MacDonald 6-3, 6-1 at first singles. Hannah Zarkar clubbed Amanda

Sutherby 6-1, 6-0 at second singles and Elissa Slovin blitzed Shannon Sullivan of TMHS 6-0, 6-0 at third singles.

The Lady Warriors dropped only four games in doubles, Wendy Chen and Stephanie Hargadon winning 6-2, 6-0 over Heather Watkins and Tina Fabiano, while the freshman tandem of Patty Collins and Shannon Fitzgerald bested the Redman duo of Katie Bent and Ashley Lefebvre 6-0, 6-2.

Andover 5

Lawrence 0

Hannah Zarkar, playing first singles for the first time, responded with an impressive 6-0, 6-0 sweep of Arlenny Lopez.

Wendy Chen rolled to a 6-2, 6-3 triumph over Enmaliz Beato at second singles, and in her first varsity match freshman Emma Haak toppled the Lancers' Leanne Hamel 6-1, 6-1 at third singles.

Junior Alyssa Bindman and Jenicka Hornung teamed up at No. 1 doubles for the first time, blitzing Janet Salas and Lores Castillo of Lawrence 6-0, 6-0.

At second doubles, sophomore Whitney Upton and Brittany Roy were 6-0, 6-1 victors over Ngoo Ho and Bernany Caste. It was the first varsity match for Upton.

Andover 5

Billerica 0

Sophomore Christie Spang looked right at home as she gave 2002 MVC Player of the Year Marsha Mogilevich a rest, overpowering Sophia Eckstein of Billerica 6-0, 6-0 at first singles.

Freshman Hannah Zarkar and sophomore Jodi Richard were also perfect at second and third singles, respectively, whitewashing the Indians' Megan Forti and Katie Haneffatt 6-0, 6-0.

BMHS showed some spunk in the first set of both doubles matches.

But AHS Capts. Jenicka Hornung and Lauren Fitzgerald still topped Jenna Dupre and Jaclyn Fitzgerald 6-3, 6-1 while junior Wendy Chen and sophomore Lindsay Davidson battled past Stasia Mills and Meredith Wyatt 6-4, 6-0.

Andover 5

Haverhill 0

The Lady Warriors almost had their third perfect match of the spring, winning all 10 sets easily while yielding only two games in singles and two in doubles.

Marsha Mogilevich trounced Amy Beaton 6-1, 6-1 at first singles, while Hannah Zarkar and first-time varsity performer Casey Mitrano mastered Haverhill's Taton Mortimer and Kitty Cleary 6-0, 6-0.

Jenicka Hornung and Lauren Fitzgerald powered past the Hillies' Amy Vallieres and Kendra Dekladena 6-2, 6-0.

Playing in tandem for the first time at second doubles, freshman pair Liz McPartland and Meredith Levinson humbled Kara Kimball and Caroline Boland 6-0, 6-0.

BOYS TENNIS

The Andover High boys tennis team recorded its first-ever win over perennial State Division 1 power St. John's Prep of Danvers, sweeping doubles and prevailing at third singles to pull out a tight 3-2 triumph over the host Eagles.

That historic victory, coupled with 5-0 sweeps of Merrimack Valley Conference foes Billerica and Lawrence, boosted coach Mike Wartman's squad to 6-3 overall and 5-2 in MVC matches.

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Andover 3

St. John's Prep 2

The non-league match in Danvers was tied 2-2 with second doubles still out on the court.

That marathon battle went three sets and resulted in a come-from-behind 2-6, 7-5, 7-5 victory by the AHS sophomore duo of Josh Caplan and Mike Zakin.

The locals' No. 1 doubles tandem of juniors Avi Lasser and Brian Axelrod also won 6-4, 6-3 over SJP's Tom Hoare and Stefan Bilharz.

Junior Jason Edelstein won at third singles with a straight-set 6-4, 6-3 conquest of Chris Bane.

Capt. Jason Lynn and Alex Cline were beaten at first and second singles, respectively, with Kevin Bergesen of North Andover topping Lynn 6-2, 6-0 and Kyle Kekevenen trimming Cline 6-0, 6-3.

Through the years St. John's had won each of the previous 10 matches between the teams.

"Our second doubles, even after losing the first set, knew they could win the match because they were competitive on every point," said coach Wartman.

"The second set stayed on serve the whole way, and in the third set Josh and Mike were never behind and held serve at all the crucial points."

Edelstein got stronger as his match went along. There were a lot of long points. His lob was working, he went to the net well and mixed up his shots well," said Wartman.

"Avi and Brian played their best match of the year in the big win at first doubles."

"Jason (Lynn) and Alex (Cline) were also impressive despite their losses. Bergesen is one of the best players in the state, but Jason forced a lot of long rallies and played him tough."

Bergesen is the only returning starter from last year's SJP team.

Andover 5

Lawrence 0

The Golden Warriors, losing only one game in eight sets, rolled to the win over Lawrence.

Jason Lynn, junior Dan Jordan and Dave Ong picked up 6-0, 6-0 victories over the Lancers' Mike Caraballo, Channy Yin and Abhishek Sharma.

It marked the first time Jordan had ventured into singles play in a varsity match.

First doubles produced a first-time AHS pairing, as sophomore Rochester, N.Y. transfer Pete Caravieello teamed with junior Dave Hornung to take down the Lawrence duo of Manny Peralta and Lucas Restituito 6-0, 6-1.

Andover won second doubles by forfeit.

Andover 5

Billerica 0

The Golden Warriors captured all five matches in straight sets, surrendering only six games in singles and three in doubles.

Alex Cline returned to the lineup, stepping in for the resting Jason Lynn at No. 1 and rolling to a 6-1, 6-0 victory over the Indians' Kevin Sheppard.

AHS junior Brian Axelrod assumed the No. 2 singles position and blitzed Andrew Thompson, 6-0, 6-0.

Sophomore Dave Ong played his first varsity singles match of the spring, rolling to a 6-2, 6-3 triumph over Komara Kang at No. 3.

Both doubles teams played together.

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Townspeople

BYOB: Brew Your Own Beer

North Street resident Ron Olf has a sense of humor about his passion for brewing beer

By Ben Hellman

SIT BACK, RELAX, HAVE A BEER! The words are commonplace in living rooms across America. But when home brewer Ron Olf, of North Street, says them, they have a deeper meaning. The beer he brings to the table could be his own.

Olf was in high spirits this week. Hops, grains, malt and other ingredients were on the kitchen counter and his brewing kettle was warming on the fire. Olf's wife Cheri has taken their two sons, Evan, 5, and Aidan, 3, out for dinner.

Translation: women and children had evacuated the building. Guy night had begun.

Olf is not what many would call an average home-brewer. A fortuitous combination of luck, personal skill and more than a little devotion has allowed him to progress quickly through the home-brew realm.

With only two years of serious beer-making behind him, he has gotten a rave review from a judge of the American Beer Championships.

He has also built or home-modified most of his brewing equipment and has three varieties of hops growing in his yard.

"I think that if my wife didn't keep me in check, I'd have half a brewery in my garage," says Olf.

Behind his house, a 14-gallon beer keg is sitting on a propane gas jet Olf bought from Wal-Mart and modified to hold his keg. Olf cut the top of the keg open at work with machines usually used to cut exotic plastics for computers. The jet was meant to deep-fry a



Labor-intensive - Home brewer Ron Olf starts the process by cracking open the grains for his batch of beer.



He adds the malt to the mixture, pouring it into his cooker, a 14-gallon keg he modified for brewing.



The keg sits on a propane gas jet capable of 150,000 BTUs. It can boil 10 gallons of water in 15 minutes.



Olf tastes the fruit of his labor. He enjoys both malty and bitter beers.

turkey. Olf calls it "the rocket." Packing 150,000 BTUs, it can boil 10 gallons of water in 15 minutes, says Olf.

This week's recipe was a nut brown ale. Olf crushed the grains with a rolling pin, the most labor-intensive part of brewing, he says. Then he swept the various grains into a muslin steeping bag and threw it into the hot water. Olf says it's like making tea.

When the whole mixture had steeped for 20 minutes, Olf threw in his favorite, and most pungent ingredi-

ent: the hops. "I think it's the best smell you can smell, but a lot of people don't like it - especially eight-month-pregnant wives," he says, laughing.

At work, where Olf can be found "testing" some of his new equipment, the smell of hops can be the dead give away that Olf is brewing a batch of beer, he says. "I'm at work and the machines are going and I'm brewing and as soon as I add the hops -" Olf gives a look of false panic. "At least my father-in-law owns the business,"

he says laughing.

Karen Baker, proprietor of Beer and Wine Hobby in Woburn, says home brewing became a craze in 1978 when home beer-making was legalized. People home brewed because they could and because there wasn't a wide variety of beers on the market.

With the micro-brew explosion in the mid-'90s, Baker says the variety is now available and people who home brew now do it as a hobby.

Olf has an obvious sense of humor

about his passion for brewing.

When his home brew store tried to sell him on growing his own hops, "I was thinking, 'Ahh, I'm not going to buy that,' but guess what?!" he says.

Now he explains that hops grow on a bine, not a vine. "A bine is hollow inside - it's all on my growing hops video," he says, laughing.

Olf, 36, says he made his first batch of beer when he was 18. He continued

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Find the prize-winning blooms in your garden, then enter them in the Andover Garden Club's May 15-16 standard flower show at the Andover Historical Society's Amos Blanchard House.

PHOTO BY FRANCES W. WHEELER

Discover the prize-winners in your backyard

Horticulture division of Andover Garden Club's Standard Flower Show to be open to public entries

The Andover Garden Club announced that the horticulture division of its May 16-17 standard flower show, entitled "At the Squire's House," will be open to public entries. The show will be held at the Andover Historical Society's Amos Blanchard House.

It's very common for first-time entrants to win horticultural prizes, organizers contend - even blue ribbons - so residents should seek out the potential prize-winners that lie in wait in their own yards and gardens.

A horticulture schedule (the list of

plants to be judged in the show) is available from flower show co-chair Joyce Bakshi at 978-470-0263, or joyce.bakshi@verizon.net. Plants include:

► Woody deciduous (loses leaves in winter) flowering trees such as plums, cherries, magnolias, crabapples, and dogwoods;

► Flowering deciduous shrubs such as deutzia, kerria, azaleas, and lilacs;

► Blooming broadleaf evergreens such as rhododendrons, evergreen azaleas, and piers;

► Bulbs such as tulips and daffodils;

► Perennials such as irises, lily of the valley, bleeding heart, leopards-bane, spurge, cranesbill, coral bells, candytuft, peonies, Solomon's seal, and Jacob's ladder.

First-, second-, third-, and honorable-mention ribbons will be awarded, and several blue-ribbon-winning specimens will be eligible for additional awards.

Show Rules

Horticulture entries must be entered next Thursday, May 15, between 9 a.m.

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TOWN TALK

Down - and out - with poles

Fire poles may be the only thing sliding out of new fire stations such as the Andover safety center being built on North Main Street.

Fire Deputy James Lynch says firefighters' pole-sliding days are becoming a thing of the past because of the risk involved. Some stations have ramps for the firefighters to run down when the alarm bell sounds. Many others are having their firefighters stick to using the stairs.

"They are doing away with the pole," he says. "The stairs are safer."

Lynch says, over the years, firefighters in many communities have suffered injuries or even death from using fire poles, and the time saved isn't worth the risk.

"They're just dangerous," he says.

The new fire side of the Andover Safety Center will have two sets of stairs leading to the fire apparatus. Lynch says the biggest drawback of not having a pole is going to be when kids tour the station. But, while two staircases won't be as crowd-pleasing as a slick, silver pole, the stairs will be a more dependable way for firefighters to race to their trucks.

- Andrea Gregory

Andover roots for UNH's dressage team

When it comes to sports, the University of New Hampshire is often dubbed a hockey powerhouse. But there are other sports being played at the college besides Division I hockey.

There is the UNH Dressage Team coached by Andover native Sarah Hamilton, a 1994 Andover High graduate. She took the team to a national championship where the young, but impressive, team placed seventh in its first-ever appearance. A member of the team also placed first in an individual competition.

Hamilton, who grew up on Clark Road, is a faculty member in the UNH Department of Animal and Nutritional Sciences. She is a longtime horse enthusiast who is well-remembered locally for her involvement with therapeutic riding programs at Ironstone Farm in Andover.

In addition, she is director of the UNH Therapeutic Riding Program and involved with equine programs there.

Hamilton was returning to UNH from the Intercollegiate Dressage Association's National Championships in Virginia and could not be reached. But her mother, Ann Hamilton, had spoken to her and said her daughter was thrilled with the team's showing at the event.

"It's the first time UNH qualified and we are so proud of her," said Ann Hamilton, before quickly adding, "but, we're proud of her all the time."

- Judy Wakefield

Bancroft Father/Daughter Dance

Photos by Tim Jean

Bancroft Elementary's Fifth Annual Father-Daughter Dance "That's My Gal!" was held at the Andover High School Field House last Friday, May 2. Highlights of the fundraiser included dancing, refreshments and county fair games. Proceeds benefited the Bancroft Elementary PTO.



Alyson (11) and Jack Formichella



Scott and Estelle (7) Black



Hannah (6) and David Currie



Sylvie (7) and Mick Flanagan



Julia (6) and EJ Perry



Paige (7) and Gary Finlayson



Guy and Sheryl (7) Ehlbeck



Todd and Julia (6) Jackson

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Quota International of Andover will hold its annual Walkathon on Sunday, May 18 beginning at 9:30 a.m. (rain or shine). The 5K walk begins at the Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., following a route that winds its way through many of the tree-lined streets of Andover.

Quota is a non-profit organization that provides financial support to disadvantaged women and children and assists hearing-impaired children, primarily in the Merrimack Valley area. Quota also provides scholarships for students enrolled in the Speech and Hearing Impaired Interpreter's program at Northern Essex Community College.

A \$15 registration fee entitles walkers to a pre-walk warm-up with Georgia London, an NIA instructor, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and a fruit-and-bagel breakfast provided by the Best of Thymes at Old Town Hall following the walk.

Register for the walk between 9 and 9:45 a.m. at Old Town Hall, or call Marcia Golden at 978-688-2880.

Quota of Andover recently participated in the International Quota Cares Project, where members hosted a Story Hour for both hearing-impaired children and those who could hear at the Stevens Library in North Andover. Stories were narrated by Cheryl Hebert, a Quota member and speech pathologist, at the same time being interpreted in sign language by Elizabeth Adler of Northern Essex College.

Quota of Andover also presented several books to Marina Salenikas, head of youth services at the library. These included both resource books for parents of hearing-impaired children and children's books including or about hearing-impaired children to help them embrace their environment. They are available at the Children's Reading Room at the library.

"Accidental beauty" is just one way to describe the recent pastels of local Andover artist Diane Pitochelli. One unintended



Story Hour at the Stevens Library in North Andover is now for both hearing-impaired children and those who can hear. Stories were narrated recently by Cheryl Hebert, a Quota of Andover member and speech pathologist, while they were interpreted in sign language.

ed consequence of having left her watercolors in Maine at the start of this past snowy winter is that Pitochelli started using pastels again to create a new series of artworks. The new pastel series, along with a selection of prints and the watercolors painted in Maine last summer, will be part of the latest Contemporary Andover Artists Series hosted by the Andover Historical Society. Recent Pastels, Watercolors and Prints by Diane Pitochelli will be on display at the Historical Society's Blanchard House Museum, May 9 through July 31. The opening reception will be Friday, May 9 starting at 7:30 p.m. At 8, Pitochelli will give a gallery talk on "A Brief History of Pastel Drawings and Masters."

The Andover Historical Society and Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum is located at 97 Main St.

Call 978-475-2236, or visit the Web site at www.andhist.org.

The Historical Society's recent Memorial Lecture, "Les Moveables: Andover's Answer to the Mobile Home," was a sold-out hit. So many turned out for local historian Jim Batchelder's talk that people were turned away at the door.

For those who missed his talk, the society will host a free encore presentation on Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m.

Batchelder's years of research and extensive knowledge of Andover is evident throughout his talk, organizers said. Owners of many of the homes featured in the talk came to the April lecture, making for an enjoyable evening of history, conversation and laughter. The May 20th encore presentation promises to be as enjoyable.

The 7th annual Frank Bille Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament will be held Monday, July 28, at Andover Country Club. Open to the public, the tournament will benefit the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Registration will take place at 6 a.m., and play will begin at 7 a.m. Pre-registration is required. There will be a luncheon at 1:30 p.m. with a silent auction and raffles.

The contribution is \$175 per player (\$25 for a non-golfer to attend the luncheon).

Contact Frank Bille for an application by calling 978-535-2295, or by e-mail at bille41@aol.com.

CHAMPS AT STATE HOUSE



PHOTO BY MARK KASIANOWICZ

Lady Warriors Rule – even on Beacon Hill. The Division 1 state champion Andover High girls basketball team paid a visit to the State House recently, meeting their local representatives. From left are: (Back row) Meagan Merinder, Jackie Powers, Liz Pallotta, Brittany Moriarty, Ashley McLaughlin, Colleen Haugh, Kerri O'Dea; (middle row) Arianna Miliotis, Samantha Hughes, Merry Fish, Jenny Muller, Kerrie Dargan, Matia Kostakis; (front row) Rep. Barbara L'Italien, coach Jim Tildsley, Sen. Sue Tucker and Rep. Barry Finegold.

A serious passion for brewing beer

■ RON OLF

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to make beer while he was in college in Rhode Island.

A German national, Olf says Germans drink beer that was brewed in their area. His uncle would only allow the local beer in his home. "So was it in my blood? I guess so," he says.

Olf says when he came to the US from Germany, he could only find Heineken. Now Olf has a few favorite American beers. He says he gravitates between drinking very malty and very bitter beers. He hoards Samuel Adams Oktoberfest in the fall and also enjoys Harpoon IPA any time of the year.

But his own beer allows him to experiment and get better. He says it gives him the feeling that, "I made that. It's drinkable and it tastes good. The next time I'm going to do this."

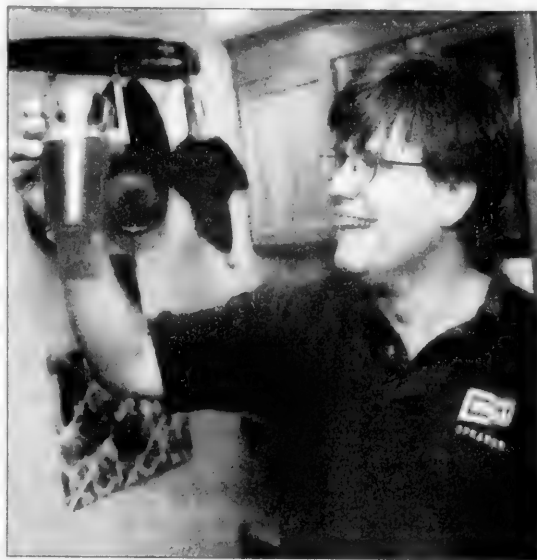


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Ron Olf has been "seriously" brewing beer at home for only a few years, but the North Street resident has a sense of humor.

GO-GETTERS



WGBH volunteer Mara Lee Lackoff (at right), of Andover, is pictured with auction manager Vanya Tulenko during the auction's recent Go-Getting Kickoff. Lackoff is gathering donations from local businesses and individuals. More than 6,000 items are donated to the auction each year, organizers said. The auction, now in its 38th year, has raised more than \$30 million for educational programming at WGBH. The 2003 auction will air on WGBH-TV/Channels 2 and 44 from June 1-7. For information on becoming an auction volunteer or donor, call 617-300-4200.

Prize-winners in your backyard

■ FLOWER SHOW

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and 1 p.m. at the Historical Society. No entries will be accepted on Friday, May 16. All specimens must have been grown by the exhibitor, and only one entry is permitted in each class (or one entry per subdivision, for classes that include them).

All entries must be checked by the classification chairmen and must receive an entry card before being placed on display. Containers for cut specimens will be provided on site by the flower-show committee.

The committee said that because Mother Nature is the ultimate judge of which plants will be blooming at show time, horticultural classes may be added, deleted, or subdivided at its discretion.

Floral-Design Division

The show also contains a flower-arranging

division, with the rooms of the Amos Blanchard House providing the backdrop for creative and artistic floral designs.

The design classes – "Spring Comes to the Squire's House," "Tea with the Squire's Wife," "From the Squire's Garden," "A Touch of Spring for My Lady," "The Squire's Children," and "The Squire's Wife" – are already filled, organizers said.

Tickets for the flower show are \$15. Tickets are available from garden-club members and at the Andover Historical Society and the Andover Book Store.

About the Andover Garden Club

Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership chair Karen Schnorrenberg (978-474-8973, karensnberg@attbi.com). The Andover Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Inc., and National Garden Clubs Inc.

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ON THE SCENE

Parties brought out hundreds of Andoverites last weekend



ON THE SCENE

Judy Wakefield

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IT WAS quite a party weekend as Andoverites were involved with four big events last weekend.

The Honorable John E. Fenton Jr. of Andover was honored while Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple

Emanuel in Andover was also saluted at another event. In addition, St. Jude's Research Hospital held its annual auction at Andover Country Club, while the annual townwide father-daughter dance had hundreds of attendees kicking up their feet.

Here's a closer look:

Longtime Andover resident the Honorable John E. Fenton Jr. was honored last Wednesday night at the Westin Hotel in Boston. More than 800 people attended the tribute to the retired judge and distinguished professor, which was hosted by Suffolk Law School.

Money raised will go toward a scholarship fund in Fenton's

name.

St. Jude's Research Hospital held their benefit auction and dinner dance Friday night at Andover Country Club.

"The Building for a Cure" event raised money for research.

Local realtor Lillian Montalto of Andover served as a co-chair of the event.

Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Andover was among three men honored with Humanitarian Awards by the American Red Cross of Merrimack Valley.

The event included a cocktail reception and a silent auc-

tion. It was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Lowell.

Goldstein attended with his wife, Faith Goldstein.

"That's My Gal!" was the theme of this year's annual father-daughter dance held last Friday night at the field house at Andover High School.

Jean skirts, cowboy boots, and bandanas dominated the daughter fashion scene, although some girls did indeed prefer a dressier look.

More than 600 dads and daughters attended the dance, which was sponsored by the Bancroft School's parents group. [Photos, page 23]

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Women's Luncheon and Speaker: All interested senior women are invited to a luncheon and speaker program at Old Town Hall on Wednesday, May 14 at noon. Guest speaker will be Judy Norsigian, who will talk about "Hot Topics In Women's Health." Norsigian is co-author of *Our Bodies, Ourselves For the New Century*, co-founder of the Boston Women's Health Book Collective, and has made numerous media appearances on *Oprah*, *Donahue*, and *NBC Nightly News*. Tickets (\$10) are on sale at the center; advance reservations are a must. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Marblehead Mansions: Enjoy a day with us in marvelous Marblehead on Monday, May 12. We'll visit some mansions, a folk art gallery and enjoy lunch in this historic seaside town. Cost is \$30.

Elder Law Presentation: Mark your calendars and make a reservation to join us tomorrow, Friday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m. when Karol Bisbee from the Massachusetts Bar Association will be here for a special presentation on elder law issues, specifically, the new health-care privacy law. Find out how to protect your private medical health history. A continental breakfast will be served;

Author at AARP on May 13

Barbara Mahoney, who will speak at the May 13 meeting of the Andover-North Andover AARP, wrote a novel, *Life in the Last Lane*, about a director of a senior center and three widows.

The author became a director of a senior center, inheriting a very old building that needed to be replaced. Starting the job in 1989, she saw it completely remodeled in just seven years.

At 60, author Mahoney did something very unusual - she started college. Completing a two-year course at the North Shore Community College, she then transferred to the University of Massachusetts Boston, making the long trip daily for two years to earn her bachelor's degree. Next she became the director of the senior center in Stoneham.

The Andover chapter meets monthly, September through June, at the Senior Center, Whittier Court. All meetings start at 1:30 p.m. with a business meeting. Before hearing the featured program of the month there is a social period for having refreshments and nurturing friendships. Guests are always welcome.

advance reservations appreciated. Call 978-623-8321.

A Day In Newburyport: On Wednesday, May 21 we will first visit the Herb Farm in Salisbury for a group tour where you'll be amazed at the more than 400 varieties of herbs, spices, and heirloom tomatoes. After the tour, we're off to the historic town of Newburyport where you can enjoy visiting the shops, eateries, harbor area, etc. Cost is \$20; reservations may be made by dropping into the center.

Bird Watching: Al Retelle will lead a series of bird walks Monday, May 12 and 19. If you would like to participate, the walks kick off from the senior

center at 7:30 a.m. For further information, contact Retelle at 978-475-4412.

"Spirituality and Aging: A Time To Live": This six-week class will be offered from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Wednesdays from May 21 to June 25. The course will look at several tasks that can help us move positively through elderhood. The goal is to find the present and future filled with hope and satisfaction. Pre-registration appreciated; cost is \$12.

Parkinson's Support Group: The Parkinson's support group will hold its next meeting at the center today, Thursday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m. Legal issues will be the topic of

this month's discussion. Call Kristine Arakelian for further information.

Senior Center Week: The week of May 12 is National Senior Center Week. We invite you to join us each morning at 9:30 for a complimentary coffee hour or stop by the center for a listing of the week's activities.

Movie Matinee: *Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood* will be shown Monday, May 19 at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Coffee House/Folksinger: Folksinger and songwriter Scott Alarik will perform coffee-house-style at the senior center Saturday evening, May 31 at 7 p.m. Alarik is the folk-music critic for National Public Radio's *Here & Now* and is a Boston-based folk-music writer. Tickets are \$7, available at the center.

"Who's Driving Your Bus?": Are you living in the fast lane but not enjoying the ride? Come listen to Suzanne O'Connor, president of Health Care Satisfaction and a national consultant, who will speak Tuesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. at Old Town Hall, on self-empowerment, healthy decisions and stress reduction. Tickets are \$5 for seniors; \$10 for non-seniors.

Swing Into Summer: The public is invited to join us Wednesday, June 18 at 1:30 p.m. for an afternoon concert by the Sunrise Singers, followed by an ice cream sundae party. Tickets are \$3, available at the center.

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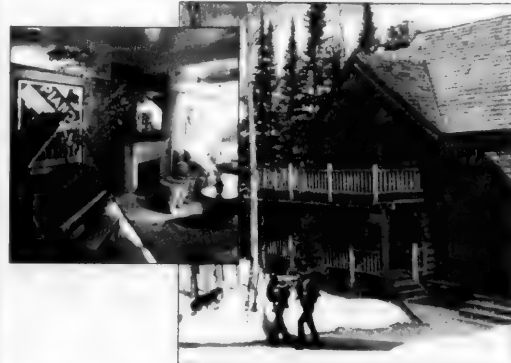
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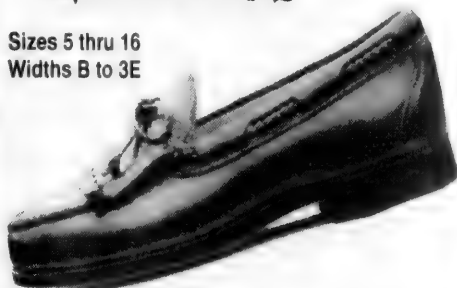
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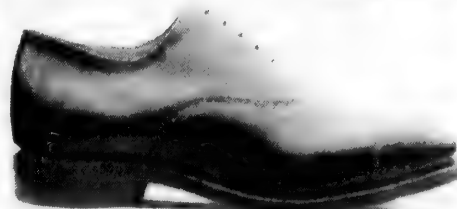
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May 8, 2003

One woman's passion for running

By Susan Currie

At 43, local runner and Andover native Nina Caron is running better than she ever has – and more successfully than most any other runner in her division. Quietly compiling a string of five straight victories in the 40-and-over female or masters division, Caron of Sioux Circle has become one of the female runners to watch in New England. Her emergence comes just three years after her youngest kid entered school full-time and she decided to devote herself more passionately to the sport.

But running is just one part of Caron's effort to attain both physical and spiritual strength. She preaches a sort of axis of wellness – a lifelong journey where people integrate fitness, nutrition and spirituality. She is passionate in her belief that everyone has an individual game plan in life.

Clearly her plan is working for her.

After a recent first-place finish in her age group with a time of 1 hour and 23 minutes in the 7th Annual Massachusetts Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation Half Marathon in Wakefield, Race Director Tony Pallotta was quick to note her speed. "With yet another victory, Nina continues to burn up the roads," he said. "In beating her nearest competitor by almost one minute – a remarkable feat – she really showed her dominance in her field right now." Taking off a few weeks following that March victory (the first Grand Prix championship race in 2003) to nurse a nagging hip-flexor



PHOTO BY SUSAN CURRIE

Caron has always had a love for physical fitness, and has integrated that love into her life.

injury, an injury that kept her from running the Boston Marathon. Caron has used the time to reflect on her recent accomplishments. While disappointed by the injury's impact on her marathon dreams, Caron seems to view the injury as just another bump along her journey – a bump she plans to race right over.

The commitment

Injury aside, Caron's tale is an inspiring one. After seeing her youngest child off to school full-time some three years ago, she decided to build upon her lifelong passion for physical fitness and take a serious stab at

running. Caron set some new goals and since then has been victorious frequently, including those first-place finishes in the last five races in which she has competed.

Some of Caron's passion may have been inherited from her father and longtime Andover resident Fred Saliba. Approaching 90, Saliba still reports to work each day serving at the helm of the company he founded, Andover Construction. "My dad was always very athletic and very astute. Beyond that he has strived to lead a balanced and full life. His personal and professional successes were the result of his staying focused and

remaining determined," says Caron.

Armed with that type of focus determination, Caron began to turn heads at road races.

After an impressive finish in the 2001 Feaster Five Road Race, Caron was approached by well-known North Shore trainer and head coach of the Merrimack Valley Striders, Fernando Braz. Wowed by her speed, Braz wanted to know who was coaching her. "Well, me," she replied, somewhat modestly. From here, their winning partnership was formed – one which has vaulted Caron into some uncharted territory.

Under the direction of Braz, she has blended a healthy diet with a rigorous training schedule to reach a fitness level she had never envisioned. From her childhood days growing up on South Main Street, through her college years at Bates to her present existence raising four children, Caron has always incorporated fitness as a form of balance in her life. However, she credits Braz for the pace she is currently on with her running.

"Anyone can instruct a person and direct them to put the miles in and increase their speed, but in order to light a spark, you need to be able to understand your student and understand what makes them tick," says Caron. "Fernando has an incredible ability to do just that."

If her recent race results are any indication, Braz appears to have ignited the fire within. In last year's Feaster Five, Caron cruised into first place in her division with a time of 29 minutes, 43 seconds missing a first-place "Women's Overall" finish by a mere 8 seconds.

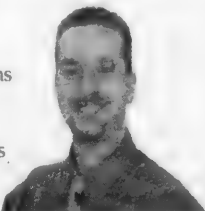
Working with 250 to 300 runners each year, Braz recognizes talent when he sees it. "Nina is very passionate and loyal to the sport of running," raves Braz. "These qualities, along with her tremendous athletic ability, have made her one of the top New England runners in her age group. Her ability to compete intensely yet let the little things slide have also earned her quite a following with the younger runners coming along. She is just the prototypical role

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Losing weight and staying healthy as a way of life

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By Thea Shapiro

"If you diet to lose weight, the weight will always come back," says Irene Beikoussis of Natural Health Services in Andover. Beikoussis offers a natural approach to weight loss in which she emphasizes a healthy lifestyle. She says people need to look at their behaviors and their attitudes toward themselves as well as their bodies.

"A crash diet tends to slow down your metabolism," explains Beikoussis, "because the body thinks it is starving. Once dieters reach their goal weight and start to eat the way they used to, the weight comes right back. Sometimes, because the metabolism has slowed down, they gain more weight than they lost."

Eating a healthy diet that becomes a way of life is the best way to lose weight, she says. Beikoussis explains that when people focus only on weight loss, the body struggles to stay healthy. For example, eating an acidic diet like a high protein diet for a long time puts a burden on the body, because to digest protein the stomach may drop to a pH level as low as 2.5. However the body must maintain a blood pH of 7.45. For the body to achieve the proper pH level while on a high-protein diet, it must remove calcium and magnesium from the body to buffer the acid. That is why vegetables and fruits (foods with a high pH) are critical to healthy eating.

Listening to your body is another important issue in weight loss. Beikoussis says there are

times the body simply needs to be hydrated, not fed. When a person ignores the body's message, the body sends a hunger signal instead, because by eating the body will get hydrated.

Healthy eating needs to be a way of life, agrees Marielle Riendeau, owner of Advanced Weight Loss Systems in Andover. Riendeau lost 80 pounds 20 years ago and has kept it off. "People are not aware that most of their weight loss comes from becoming aware of their behavior," says Riendeau. "When people become aware of their behavior and learn how to eat well, they lose weight, become happier, have more confidence and generally feel better."

But, Riendeau and Beikoussis don't agree on everything.

Beikoussis recommends that

"A crash diet tends to slow down your metabolism, because the body thinks it is starving."

IRENE BEIKOUSSIS
NATURAL HEALTH SERVICES

at least 50 percent—and, ideally, 75 percent—of a diet should consist of fruits and vegetables, with the remainder made up of protein and grains. "A person doesn't need more than one serving of protein a day," says Beikoussis.

Riendeau disagrees. She believes people need larger portions of protein, with vegetables

and some grain at every meal. Both women note that protein comes from many non-meat sources, including seafood, cottage cheese and yogurt.

Riendeau offers her clients a list of foods to choose from, and monitors their weight. To lose weight, she says, they should limit their daily diet to two to three servings of protein, three

to four servings of vegetables, two to three servings of fruit, and two servings of starches a day at a portion size no larger than their fist.

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Marielle Riendeau shopping for healthy foods.

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Tips for discussing war with children

Since September 11, and with the current war in Iraq, children are being exposed to unprecedented levels of wartime media coverage, parental and societal anxiety, and violent images and messages. Joseph F. Hagan, Jr., a pediatrician affiliated with the Vermont Children's Hospital and head of the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Terrorism, and Marlene Maron, director of pediatric psychology at Vermont Children's Hospital, offer the follow tips for helping children cope with confusion, anxiety and fear:

1. Examine one's own feelings before discussing sensitive issues with children. It is hard for a fearful parent to be reassuring.

2. Maintain family rituals and

routines. Children thrive on consistency and are reassured by the simple rhythms of family traditions and practices.

3. Do not be afraid to talk to children about their feelings.

Avoidance of the topic of war might cause kids to think that a parent can't handle their feelings or that the subject is something they shouldn't talk about. Like all important subjects, kids do best when they feel safe talking with their parents.

4. Listen attentively and responsively to a children's thoughts and feelings and be prepared to hear viewpoints that differ from one's own. Model respect for diversity and alternative perspectives.

5. The effect of war on children will vary depending on age and proximity to children's lives. A young adult will be impacted by the similarity between him or herself and the young adults serving in the war. Younger children are more likely to be insulated from such feelings of vulnerability to the extent that they are not personally connected to the war.

6. Anxiety and distress may be heightened in children who have experienced frightening events prior to the war. It will also be more intensified in children whose parents and other relatives are currently in Iraq. Extra attention, family projects that permit kids to send loving messages to their relatives overseas, or be of help in some way, and maintaining family routines will be especially comforting for these children.

7. If one's own distress is causing difficulty in calmly caring for children, seek help from a physician, family member, friend, clergy member, or mental health professional.

8. Listen carefully to children's questions and concerns. Avoid lectures and complicated

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■ DISCUSSING WAR

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political or religious discussions, especially with young children.

9. Turn off the TV. For children, repetition brings the event closer to home than it really is and makes it more real for them. For very young children, watching a clip of war footage over and over can cause the child to think that the event watched keeps happening over and over. This was true with September 11.

10. Keep newspapers and magazines with graphic pictures of the war out of kids' reach. It can be very distressing for kids (and adults) to see these images, especially when other children are pictured.

11. Use opportunities to reinforce the hopeful, helpful and healing parts of humanity.

12. Most importantly, tell children they will be taken care of, no matter what. That's what they want to hear.

Following the physical and spiritual journey

■ RUNNING

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model when it comes to distance running."

Family support

In addition to the support of her coach, Caron also enjoys a wealth of encouragement at home from her husband Gerry and their four children Alison, 14; Tim, 12; Jenny, 10, and

Michael, 7.

Caron recalls her earlier years in the sport when she was striving to lead the pack in her age group. She was working hard and performing well, yet a first-place finish still eluded her.

"One Thanksgiving morning a few years back, my kids were giving me a send-off as I headed out the door to the Feaster Five. They asked me to please try to

come in first this time. Their words seemed so heartfelt. They really pumped me up along the course. I wanted so badly to bring it home for them. In the end, I wound up finishing second in a tough contest. That defeat stands out in my mind because of the expectations of my kids," she says.

You won't hear Alison, Tim, Jenny and Michael making

those kinds of appeals to Mom these days. First place seems to be a given for Caron lately.

Total approach

At just over 5 feet, Caron exudes a quiet confidence. Aside from her physical strength and speed, in chatting with her one is struck by both her modesty and her peaceful presence.

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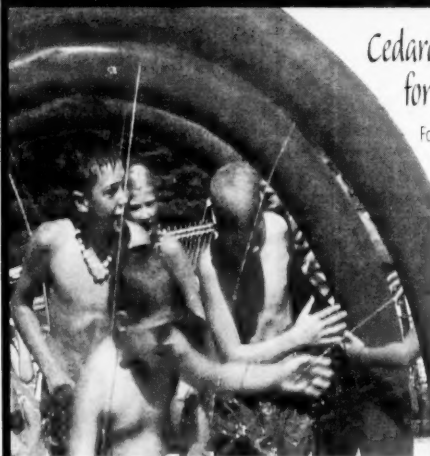
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■ RUNNING

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She cannot say enough about the importance of reaching higher and incorporating a total wellness program into one's life.

She believes that recognizing that everyone has an individual plan to follow is the key to success and happiness. She believes

people should accept their individual weaknesses and work with them. In turn, they need to also build on their strengths.

In a society that emphasizes uniformity and often promotes trends, Caron is energized to spread her message to children especially. "We need to emphasize individuality and individual

spirit with children. If we can plant this seed at a fairly young age, we can make a difference in a kid's life. I honestly believe that if you can remain focused and believe in yourself, anything is doable, regardless of your age or physical ability. We need to teach children from the get go to set some personal goals and to

then go out and reach for them," she says. Down the road, Caron – a personal trainer and fitness instructor in Andover – sees herself spreading this message in the form of a wellness program that she hopes to one day establish. She plans to couple her knowledge of nutrition with her passion for fitness.



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Caron sees her lifelong journey as integrating fitness, nutrition and spirituality.

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Exercising is key to keeping weight off

HEALTHY EATING

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Don't forget exercise

Edward Hatchigian, medical director of the Bariatric Surgery program at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and medical director to Advanced Weight Loss Systems, says exercise is an important part of any weight-loss program. He adds, the morbidly obese (such as a person who weighs 100 pounds or more over their ideal weight) may not be able to exercise because of limitations such as back and joint pain exacerbated by their weight. These individuals need to lose weight before beginning an exercise regime based on a physician's recommendation. Once they start exercising, they need to keep moving. For the obese, Hatchigian will only recommend weight-loss medications for short-term use to help start a person on a supervised exercise program. "These medications are not what you see on TV. These are prescription medicines that must be monitored by a doctor, because medications affect people differently," he says.

Beikoussis agrees exercise is important to maintaining weight and health. "You don't need to start jogging five miles a day. Yoga, Tai Chi and walking are



Fruit and vegetables are a major part of a healthy diet.

good exercises. If you haven't been exercising, consult your doctor first," she says.

While the details of many weight-loss programs differ, most responsible weight loss experts agree that short-term diets or fad diets will yield only short-term results, and that sticking with a healthy diet is a lifetime commitment to one's body, mind and overall health.

If you have a diet story you would like to share, please call or e-mail Thea Shapiro at the Townsman; 978-475-7000 or tshapiro@andovertownsman.com.



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Communities can play a part in keeping kids healthy

OBESITY

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The American Public Health Association uses National Public Health Week to highlight ways communities can promote healthier habits, such as:

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